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At a General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, begun and holden at Boston, on the first Wednesday of January, being the second day thereof, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and in the eightieth year of the Independence of the United States of America, the members elect of the House of Representatives, having convened in the Representatives' Chamber, in the State House, were called to order at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, by

Hon. LEVI THAXTER, of Watertown,
the oldest member present.

Ordered, That

Messrs. Briggs, of Attleboro',
Potter, of Dartmouth, and
Bliss, of Worcester,

be a Committee to inform the Secretary of the Commonwealth that the House has been called to order.

And thereupon

The Secretary transmitted to the House, a list of all the persons returned as Representatives, together with the original Certificates of their election, which had been returned to his office.

Ordered, That

Messrs. Vose, of Boston,
Russell, of Salem,
Phelps, of Springfield,
Leach, of Plymouth, and
Crosby, of Lowell,

be a Committee to collect the Certificates of their election held by the members elect, respectively, and to ascertain, whether a quorum of the House have convened.

And the committee having subsequently, through their chairman, reported that a quorum was present, it was

Ordered, That

Messrs. Morrill, of Fall River,
Arnold, of Salem,

Upton, of Adams,
Murdock, of Wareham, and
Dyer, of Boston,

be a Committee to wait on the Governor, and inform him that a quorum of members elect of the House have assembled, and are ready to take and subscribe the oaths and affirmations required by the Constitution.

This committee having attended to their duty, their chairman reported that they had done so, and that the Governor had been pleased to say that he, with the Council, would wait upon the House, and administer the usual oaths and affirmations to them immediately.

And soon after the Governor came in, together with the Council, and the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and the members present took and subscribed the oaths and affirmations requisite to qualify them to act as such, after which the Governor, with the Council and the Secretary, withdrew.

Ordered, That

Messrs. Robinson, of Charlestown,
Thayer, of Boston,
West, of Pittsfield,
Taylor, of Barrington, and
Fenno, of North Chelsea,

be a Committee to collect, sort and count the votes for a Speaker of the House; and the votes having been taken, it appeared that

CHARLES A. PHELPS, Esq., of Boston,

was elected; and

Messrs. Taft, of Worcester, and

Thurston, of Lancaster,

were appointed a Committee to conduct him to the chair, which committee immediately proceeded to the discharge of their duty.

Ordered, That

Messrs. Temple, of Framingham,

Robinson, of Newburyport,

Briggs, of Pittsfield,

Parker, of Cambridge, and

Codman, of Boston,

be appointed a Committee to collect, sort and count the votes for a Clerk of the House; and the vote having been taken, it appeared, that

WILLIAM E. P. HASKELL, Esq., of Chelsea,

was elected; and

Messrs. Austin, of Boston,

Burbank, of Boston, and

Fenno, of North Chelsea,

were appointed to conduct him to the Governor for the purpose of taking and subscribing the Oaths of Office, and they having attended to that duty, made report accordingly.

Attest:

H. A. MARSH,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Devereux, of Salem,

Ordered, That

Messrs. Devereux, of Salem,
Milliken, of New Bedford,
Reed, of Newburyport,
Hills, of Cambridge,
Belden, of Hatfield, and
Baxter, of Barnstable,

be appointed a Committee to inform the Governor and Council of the organization of the House, by the choice of Speaker and Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston,

Ordered, That

Messrs. Austin, of Boston,
Lewis, of Lynn,
Nelson, of Plymouth,

Childs, of West Boylston, and
Johnson, of Lowell,

be appointed a Committee to inform the Senate of the organization of the House, by the choice of a Speaker and a Clerk.

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A message was received from the Senate by the Hon. Mr. Peirce, informing the House of the organization of that branch by the election of Hon. Elihu C. Baker, as President, and Peter L. Cox, Esq., as Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Burbank, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to furnish the several members of this House during this session, such newspapers, published in this Commonwealth, as they may select, not exceeding three per diem.

On motion of Mr. Bliss of Worcester,

Ordered, That to-morrow, at eleven and one-half o'clock, be specially assigned for the the choice of Sergeant-at-arms.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, of Newburyport,

Ordered, That to-morrow at twelve o'clock, be specially assigned for the choice of a Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Gould, of Falmouth,

Ordered, That the Rules and Orders of the last session be observed by this House until others are adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dyer, of Boston,

Ordered, That

Messrs. Dyer, of Boston,

Thurston, of Lancaster,

Taft, of Worcester,

Cook, of Gloucester, and

Lewis, of Lynn,

be a Committee to prepare Rules and Orders for the government of this House.

On motion of Mr. Sever, of Boston,

Ordered, That when this House adjourn, it adjourn to meet at eleven o'clock to-morrow, and that be the hour of meeting until otherwise ordered.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the returns of votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and Attorney-General, be committed to a Joint Special Committee, consisting of

Messrs. Sutton, Dewey, Taylor, Leavitt and Dawley, on the part of the Senate, and

Messrs. Robinson, of Newburyport,
Beal, of Boston,
Hildreth, of Lowell,
West, of Pittsfield,
Sparrell, of Medford, and
Bliss, of Worcester,

on the part of the House.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the Joint Rules and Orders of the Legislature of last year, be observed until others are adopted.

Ordered, in concurrence, That Messrs Dawley and Dewey of the Senate, and

Messrs. Sever, of Boston,
Orcutt, of Chelsea, and
West, of Pittsfield,

be a Committee to wait upon the Governor and Council, and inform them that the two branches of the Legislature are now ready to attend public worship.

On motion of Mr. Russell, of Salem,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Conant, of Scituate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Vose, of Boston, presented the Petition of Edward W. Hinks, and William M. Cornell, of Boston, that they may be confirmed in their claims, as members of this House from the city of Boston, instead of Justin Jones, and Charles C. Conley, who have been certified as elected.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Manly Guilford, of Ashfield, appeared to take his seat as a Representative from the town of Ashfield, and Messrs. Burbank, of Boston, and Carson, of Dalton, were appointed a Committee to conduct Mr. Guilford to the Council to be qualified, according to law; which committee subsequently reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and that Mr. Guilford had been duly qualified.

Mr. Dyer, of Boston, was excused from serving on the Committee on Rules and Orders, and Mr. Osgood, of Andover, was appointed in his place.

The Speaker appointed the following gentlemen to serve as Monitors :—

First Division, Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, and
Mr. Emerson, of Boston.

Second Division, Mr. Dyer, of Boston, and
Mr. West, of Pittsfield.

Third Division, Mr. Temple, of Framingham, and
Mr. Batchelder, of Holliston.

Fourth Division, Mr. Potter, of Dartmouth, and
Mr. Barney, of Nantucket.

Fifth Division, Mr. Gould, of Falmouth, and
Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester.

Sixth Division, Mr. Robinson, of Newburyport, and
Mr. Pomeroy, of Springfield.

On motion, of Mr. Pollard, of Fall River,

Ordered, That

Messrs. Pollard, of Fall River,
Conant, of Scituate, and
Temple, of Framingham,

be a Committee to tender the thanks of the House of Representatives to the Rev. Raymond H. Seeley, for his Election Sermon, and request a copy of the same for publication.

On motion of Mr. Beal, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House prepare and

cause to be printed daily, the Journal of the preceding day, in the form of the printed documents, for the use of the members of the House.

On motion of Mr. Reed, of Newburyport,

The House proceeded to the Special Assignment, the same being the choice of a Sergeant-at-Arms ; and

Messrs. Reed, of Newburyport,

Upton, of Adams,

Baxter, of Barnstable,

Abercrombie, of Quincy, and

Batchelder, of Chelsea,

were appointed a Committee to collect, sort and count the votes for a Sergeant-at-Arms, who reported that

BENJAMIN STEVENS, Esq., of Boston,

was unanimously elected ; and Mr. Vose, of Boston, was charged with a message to the Senate to inform that branch of the action of the House.

On motion of Mr. Freeman, of Orleans,

The House took up the Special Assignment for the choice of a Chaplain ; and

Messrs. Freeman, of Orleans,

Strickland, of Sandisfield,

Makepeace, of Boston,

Crocker, of Barnstable, and

Warren, of Brighton,

were appointed a Committee to collect, sort and count the votes, who attended to that duty, and reported that there was no choice. Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Fenno, of North Chelsea, the election of Chaplain was postponed until twelve o'clock to-morrow.

The Committee on the Order of yesterday, relative to the returns of votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and Attorney-General, reported in part, that

HENRY J. GARDNER, of Boston,

had been elected Governor, and

HENRY W. BENCHLEY, of Worcester,

Lieutenant-Governor of this Commonwealth for the ensuing political year.

Accepted, in concurrence.

Ordered, in concurrence, That Messrs. G. W. Warren and Brainard, of the Senate, and

Messrs. Devereux, of Salem,
Thurston, of Lancaster,
Taft, of Worcester,
Pollard, of Taunton, and
Phelps, of Springfield,

be a Committee to inform Hon. Henry J. Gardner that he has been elected Governor of this Commonwealth, in the manner prescribed by the Constitution, for the present political year; and that the Legislature will be ready to attend upon him in taking and subscribing the oaths required to qualify him for that office as soon as will suit his convenience; also,

To inform the Hon. Henry W. Benchley that he has been elected Lieutenant-Governor of this Commonwealth, for the current year, and that the Legislature will attend to his being qualified when agreeable to him.

A message was received from the Senate by the Hon. Mr. Peirce, proposing a Convention of the two branches this day at one o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of qualifying the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect. The House concurred, and,

Mr. Hale, of Boston, was charged with a message to the Senate to inform them thereof.

Ordered, in concurrence, That Messrs. Batchelder and Odiorne, of the Senate, and

Messrs. Austin, of Boston,

Newhall, of Saugus, and

Jones, of Chicopee,

of the House, be a Committee to inform the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect, that the Legislature have designated one o'clock to-day as the time for qualifying them for their offices.

At one o'clock, pursuant to assignment, the Senate came in, and the two branches being in Convention, the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect, came in, and having taken and subscribed the oaths of office, in the manner prescribed by the Constitution, proclamation was made by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, that Henry J. Gardner had been duly qualified as Governor, and Henry W. Benchley as Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth, for the present political year.

His Excellency the Governor, then delivered an Address concerning the general affairs of the Commonwealth.

After which, the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, and the members of the Council, withdrew, and the two branches separated.

Ordered, in concurrence, That Messrs. White and Dawley, of the Senate, and

Messrs. Thaxter, of Watertown,

Pratt, of Bridgewater, and

Williams, of Boston,

be a Committee to prepare Joint Rules and Orders for the government of the two branches.

On motion of Mr. Vose, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Reed, a member, from Newburyport.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Holbrook, of Braintree, presented the Petition of Warren Lynde and others, of Melrose, relative to the town meeting of said town, held November sixth, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Oliver, of South Reading,

The vote whereby the House assigned twelve o'clock to-day for the choice of a Chaplain, was reconsidered, under a suspension of the Rules, and eleven and one-half o'clock, A. M., to-day, was assigned for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Vose, of Boston,

The House proceeded to the consideration of the Special Assignment for the choice of a Chaplain; and the vote having been taken, the committee reported that the House had made choice of,

Rev. ABRAHAM D. MERRILL, of Lynn,

and the Clerk was instructed to notify him of his election.

A message was received from the Senate, by Hon. Mr. Odiorne, proposing a Convention of the two branches, at twelve o'clock, M., on Monday next, for the choice of Councillors.

The House concurred in the proposition, and Mr. Thaxter, of Watertown, was charged with a message to the Senate to inform them thereof.

A message was received from the Senate, by Hon. Mr. Munroe, announcing the choice, by that branch, of Benjamin Stevens, Esq., as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Ordered, in concurrence, that the Clerk of the Senate give notice to Benjamin Stevens, Esq., that he has been chosen Sergeant-at-Arms for the current political year.

Ordered, in concurrence, That Messrs Dawley and Lee, of the Senate, and

Messrs. Thomas, of New Bedford,
Brayton, of Fall River,
C. O. Rogers, of Boston,
Phelps, of Springfield, and
Weston of Marshfield,

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be a Committee to consider what reference shall be made of the several portions of the Governor's Address.

On motion of Mr. Beal, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Temple, of Framingham.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

The Speaker presented a communication from the Rev. Abraham D. Merrill, accepting the office of Chaplain of the House.

Mr. Thayer, of Boston, was charged with a message to the Senate, informing that branch that the House had elected a Chaplain.

A message was received from the Senate, by Hon. Mr. Odiorne, informing the House that the Senate had assigned one o'clock, P. M., on Monday next, for the choice of Councillors, instead of twelve o'clock, as stated in its message of yesterday; and the House receded from its vote of yesterday, and concurred in the assignment of the hour, and Mr. Vose, of Boston, was charged with a message to the Senate to inform them thereof.

Mr. David K. Porter, of Sturbridge, presented the Certificate of his election as a Representative from the town of Sturbridge, and

Messrs. Torrey, of Boston, and
Andrews, of Danvers,

were appointed a Committee to conduct Mr. Porter to the Council, to be qualified according to law; which committee subsequently reported, that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and that Mr. Porter had been duly qualified.

Mr. Holbrook, of Braintree, offered the following Order:—

Ordered, That all Petitions requiring Orders of Notice, presented after the fifteenth day of March next, shall be referred to the next General Court without debate.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Milliken, of New Bedford, offered the following Order:—

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed, to furnish each member and officer of the House with a copy of the Massachusetts Register and Boston Almanac for the present year, and also a copy of Cushing's Manual.

Mr. Vose, of Boston, offered the following Order:—

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be requested, to furnish each Reporter of the House with a copy of the

American Almanac, the Boston Almanac, and the Massachusetts State Register for the present year, and also with all necessary stationery.

Severally laid over, under the Rule.

On motion of Mr. J. W. Rogers, of Boston,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to over issue of stock, and delinquencies of officers of the corporate companies of this Commonwealth, be committed to the Judiciary Committee, with instructions to report a stringent bill to punish all such offences.

On motion of Mr. Vose, of Boston,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it adjourn to meet at twelve o'clock on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Walker, of Roxbury,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Conant, member from Scituate.

The Journal of Saturday was read.

The Order of Saturday, relative to furnishing the Reporters with certain articles of stationery, &c., was rejected.

The Order offered Saturday, by Mr. Milliken, of New Bedford, relative to furnishing the Massachusetts Register and Boston Almanac to the members and officers of the House, was taken up and adopted.

A message was received from the Senate, by Hon. Daniel Warren, proposing an adjournment of the Special Assignment of to-day, to Wednesday next, at one o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Mr. Orcutt, of Chelsea,

The House concurred in the proposal, and the Clerk was charged with a message to that body informing them thereof.

A message was also received from the Senate, by Hon. Daniel Warren, announcing the election, on the part of that body, of GEORGE T. STEARNS, Esq., of Boston, as Clerk, *pro tem*.

A communication was received from Hon. Richard Fletcher, a member of the Board of Overseers of Harvard College, announcing his resignation as a member of that Board.

A Message was received from his Excellency the Governor, covering the Ninth Annual Report of the Trustees of the State Reform School at Westborough, with the accompanying Reports of the officers of the Institution ; also the Report of the Commissioners of Pilots, appointed under an Act of eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

On motion of Mr. Frye, of Boston,

The documents were severally laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Swallow, of Boston,

Ordered, That when this House adjourn, it adjourn to to-morrow, at eleven o'clock, and that that be the hour of meeting until otherwise ordered.

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On motion of Mr. Beal, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Crocker, of Barnstable, presented the Petition of Josiah G. Handy and others, to prohibit seining from Suckanepet Point to Point Gammon.

Mr. Freeman, of Orleans, the Petition of Edward T. Young, for a fish weir.

Severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Mr. Hall, of Boston, the Petition of the East Boston Free Bridge Corporation, for an alteration of their charter.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Sever, of Boston, the Petition of Tremont Insurance Company, to be continued a body corporate.

Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield, the Petition of Edward Learnerd and others, for the incorporation of the Taconic Woollen Mills.

Severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, presented the Petition of Ambrose Lawrence and others, of Lowell, in relation to Fish Ways on the Merrimack River.

Referred to a Joint Special Committee, to be appointed.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Petition of Edward W. Hinks and William M. Cornell, of Boston;

Also, The Petition of the inhabitants of Melrose, relative to the town meeting of said town,

Were severally taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Elections.

On motion of Mr. Clapp, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to cause the Journal of the House to be trimmed and filed for the use of the members of the House.

On motion of Mr. Howes, of Dennis,

Ordered, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance consider the expediency of providing by law that coastwise vessels may enter and depart from the several ports of this Commonwealth with or without

a Pilot as they may elect; and that they be liable to pay Pilotage only when a Pilot is employed.

Sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received from the Treasurer and Receiver-General of the Commonwealth, covering a Report of the expenses of his office for the current political year.

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

A communication was read from the Clerk, informing the House that he had nominated HENRY A. MARSH as Assistant Clerk for the present session.

The appointment was confirmed by the House, and Messrs. Fessenden, of West Cambridge, and West, of Pittsfield, were appointed a Committee to notify Mr. Marsh of his appointment, and to wait upon him to the Governor and Council to take the necessary oaths of office; and the Committee subsequently, through their chairman, reported that they had discharged that duty, and that Mr. Marsh was duly qualified.

Papers from the Senate.

A communication was received from Benjamin Stevens, Esq , announcing his acceptance of the office of Sergeant-at-Arms, for the current political year.

Read and placed on file.

The Report of the Joint Special Committee on Joint Rules and Orders, reporting the Joint Rules and Orders of the last session, without amendment, was accepted.

The Report, (additional,) of the Joint Special Committee on Returns of Votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor, and Attorney-General of the Commonwealth, was read and accepted.

Severally in concurrence.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the Clerk of the Senate give notice to Hon. FRANCIS DEWITT, of Ware, that he has been chosen in the manner prescribed by the Constitution, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

• Also, To Hon. MOSES TENNEY, Jr., of Georgetown, that he has been chosen Treasurer and Receiver-General.

Also, To Hon. CHANDLER R. RANSOM, of Roxbury, that he has been chosen Auditor of Accounts.

Also, to Hon. ALBERT H. NELSON, of Woburn, that he has been chosen Attorney-General of the Commonwealth,

Severally for the current political year, and that the terms of their respective offices will commence on the third Wednesday of January, instant.

The Speaker announced the following Joint Standing Committees, in concurrence, viz. :—

On Accounts.

Messrs. Lewis, of Middlesex, and
Brakenridge, of Hampshire, of the Senate, and
Messrs. Taggart, of Haverhill,
Brewster, of Boston,
Roby, of Lowell,
Pratt, of Grafton, and
Abercrombie, of Quincy,
on the part of the House.

On Agriculture.

Messrs. Hall, of Essex, and
Bull, of Concord, of the Senate, and
Messrs. Williams, of Hadley,
Waters, of Beverly,
Smith, of Whately,
Parsons, of Ludlow, and
Bowker, of Hopkinton,
on the part of the House.

On Banks and Banking.

Messrs. Raymond, of Middlesex, and
Thacher, of Suffolk, of the Senate, and
Messrs. Thomas, of New Bedford,
Thurston, of Lancaster,
Turner, of Brookline,
Phelps, of Springfield, and
Hall, of Boston,
on the part of the House.

On Claims.

Messrs. D. Warren, of Suffolk, and
Leavitt, of Hampden, of the Senate, and
Messrs. Dyer, of Boston,
Bates, of Southampton,
Hills, of Cambridge,
Smith, of Roxbury, and
Clifford, of Lowell,
on the part of the House.

On Education.

Messrs. Batchelder, of Essex, and
Mills, of Berkshire, of the Senate, and
Messrs. Temple, of Framingham,
Baker, of Beverly,
Littlefield, of Foxboro',
Beal, of Boston, and
Pollard, of Taunton,
on the part of the House.

On Fisheries.

Messrs. Baxter, of Barnstable, and
Shaw of Dukes and Nantucket,
of the Senate, and
Messrs. Johnson, of Provincetown,
Jacobs, of Wellfleet,
Cook, of Gloucester,
Nickerson, of Harwich, and
Lewis, of Fairhaven,
on the part of the House.

On the Library.

Messrs. Peirce, of Norfolk,
Brakenridge, of Hampshire, and
Carey, of Essex, of the Senate, and
Messrs. Thaxter, of Watertown,
Beal, of Cohasset, and
C. Hale, of Boston,
on the part of the House.

On Manufactures.

Messrs. White, of Norfolk, and
King, of Plymouth, of the Senate, and,
Messrs. Hildreth, of Lowell,
P. C. Jones, of Boston,
Phelps, of Ware,

Allen, of Chicopee, and
Taft, of Uxbridge,
on the part of the House.

On Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Messrs. G. W. Warren, of Suffolk, and
Bartlett, of Bristol, of the Senate, and
Messrs. Whiton, of Hingham,
Austin, of Boston,
Mixer, of Hardwick,
Gould, of Falmouth, and
Meekins, of Williamsburg,
on the part of the House.

On the Militia.

Messrs. Sutton, of Essex, and
Thacher, of Suffolk, of the Senate, and
Messrs. Devereux, of Salem,
C. O. Rogers, of Boston,
Usher, of Lynn,
Converse, of Monson, and
Tidd, of Stoneham,
on the part of the House.

On Parishes and Religious Societies.

Messrs. Warner, of Hampshire, and
Towne, of Worcester, of the Senate, and
Messrs. Conant, of Scituate,
Vinson, of Edgartown,
York, of Rockport,
Swan, of Williamstown, and
Kingsley, of Northampton,
on the part of the House.

On Prisons.

Messrs. Carpenter, of Norfolk, and
Brown, of Middlesex, of the Senate, and
Messrs. Milliken, of New Bedford,
West, of Pittsfield,
Staples, of Concord,
Parsons, of Northampton, and
Cole, of Boston,
on the part of the House.

On Public Charitable Institutions.

Messrs. Sutton, of Essex, and
Baxter, of Plymouth, of the Senate, and
Messrs. Thayer, of Boston,
Edwards, of Southbridge,
Burt, of Lowell,

Walker, of Roxbury, and
Reed, of Newburyport,
on the part of the House.

On Public Lands.

Messrs. Perkins, of Suffolk, and
Osgood, of Essex, of the Senate, and
Messrs. Pearce, of Gloucester,
Robinson, of Lexington,
Hicks, of New Bedford,
Bliss, of Worcester, and
Dewey, of Palmer,
on the part of the House.

On Railways and Canals.

Messrs. Dawley, of Bristol, and
Munroe, of Suffolk, of the Senate, and
Messrs. Murdock, of Wareham,
Ritchie, of Boston,
Potter, of Dartmouth,
Taft, of Worcester, and
Robinson, of Charlestown,
on the part of the House.

On Roads and Bridges.

Messrs. Bull, of Middlesex, and
Rogers, of Bristol, of the Senate, and
Messrs. Temple, of Rutland,
Gray, of Kingston,
Mayo, of Boston,
Parker, of Groton, and
Homer, of New Bedford,
on the part of the House.

On Towns.

Messrs. Odiorne, of Suffolk, and
Taft, of Worcester, of the Senate, and
Messrs. Fessenden, of West Cambridge,
Orcutt, of Chelsea,
Lewis, of Lynn,
Allen, of Walpole, and
Tenney, of Georgetown,
on the part of the House.

The Speaker announced the following Standing Committees of the House, viz. :—

On the Judiciary.

Messrs. Devereux, of Salem,
Osgood, of Andover,

Briggs, of Pittsfield,
Codman, of Boston,
Story, of Somerville,
Stoddard, of Worcester, and
Gilbert, of New Bedford.

On Probate and Chancery.

Messrs. Strickland, of Sandisfield, ■
Merwin, of Boston,
Gale, of Lawrence,
Wilkinson, of Dedham,
Hero, of Milford,
Pike, of Newton, and
Gray, of Holyoke.

On Finance.

Messrs. Sever, of Boston.
Stone, of Charlestown,
Eastman, of Amherst,
Mansfield, of Blackstone,
Baxter, of Barnstable,
Holbrook, of Braintree, and
Wells, of Stockbridge.

On Elections.

Messrs. Fletcher, of Lowell,
Lamb, of Greenfield,
Morrill, of Fall River,
Taylor, of Gt. Barrington,
Howes, of Dennis,
Andrews, of Danvers, and
Fenno, of North Chelsea.

On Bills in Third Reading.

Messrs. Brayton, of Fall River,
Hall, of Cambridge,
Deane, of Coleraine,
Luscomb, of Salem,
Burrill, of Roxbury,
Howe, of Orange, and
Hagar, of Newton.

On Engrossed Bills.

Messrs. Robinson, of Newburyport,
Loring, of Marlboro',
Holbrook, of Weymouth,
Guild, of Roxbury,
Blake, of Woburn,
Blood, of Taunton, and
Bair, of Warren.

On County Estimates.

Messrs. Sparrell, of Medford,
Makepeace, of Boston,
Johnson, of Lynn,
Faulkner, of Clinton, and
Hawkes, of Adams.

On the Pay Roll.

Messrs. Haynes, of Dorchester,
Williams of Boston,
Stratton, of Northfield,
Crosby, of Lowell, and
Keith, of Webster.

On Leave of Absence.

Messrs. Crane of Norton,
Batchelder, of Chelsea,
Foster, of Andover,
Rockwood, of Southboro', and
Shaw, of Enfield.

On Public Buildings.

Messrs. Keith, of Bridgewater,
Vose, of Boston,
Goss, of Charlestown,
Woodcock, of Leicester, and
Russell, of Salem.

On Printing.

Messrs. Huse, of Newburyport,
Frye, of Boston,
Phelps, of Lowell,
Morrissey, of Nantucket, and
Thacher, of Lee.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Crossman, of Springfield, presented the Remonstrance of Joseph Day and others, against the right of Charles A. Taft, of Uxbridge, to a seat in the House.

Mr. Taft, of Uxbridge, the Petition of John B. Dexter and others, praying that a new election of Representatives may be ordered in the city of Worcester, for reasons set forth in said Petition.

Mr. Thurston, of Lancaster, presented the Petition of Edward Lamb, Rejoice Newton, Isaac Davis, and others, that the members now holding seats in this House, from the city of Worcester, may be vacated, for the reasons set forth in said Petition.

Severally referred to the Committee on Elections.

Mr. Pearce, of Gloucester, presented the Petition of Parker Burnham and others, of Gloucester, for leave to extend their Marine Railway.

Mr. Turner, of Brookline, the Petition of John Howe and others, for the surrender of their charter as the Railroad Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

Also, the Petition of Thomas Hopkinson and others, to be incorporated as the New England Railroad Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Boston.

Mr. Milliken, of New Bedford, the Petition of B. T. Ricketson, for the renewal of an Act of incorporation for the Pacific Mutual Insurance Company, of New Bedford.

Mr. Beal, of Boston, the Petition of Samuel E. Simpson and others, to be incorporated under the name of Simpson's Patent Dry Dock Company.

Severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. Faulkner, of Clinton, the Petition of Joseph B. Parker and others, to be incorporated by the name of the Clinton Steam-Power Company.

Referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Porter, of Sturbridge, the Petition of the Sturbridge Agricultural Society, for allowance of claim.

Mr. Barney, of Nantucket, the Petition of E. W. Gardner and others, for an Act of incorporation as the Nantucket County Agricultural Society.

Severally referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Petition of Ambrose Lawrence and others, relative to fish ways on the Merrimack River, was referred to a Joint Special Committee, and the Rules being suspended, the motion was lost. Whereupon, the Speaker appointed the following gentlemen as the Committee on the part of the House, viz. :—

Messrs. Fletcher, of Lowell,
Knight, of Marblehead.
Batchelder, of Holliston,
Swallow, of Boston, and
Oliver, of South Reading.

Mr. Torrey, of Boston, offered the following Order, viz. :—

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's Message as refers to the Report from the Commissioners appointed to establish lines in Mystic River, Boston Harbor, and Dorchester Bay, and the suggestion that an application be made to the General Government for the appointment of a Scientific Board, to report upon the condition of the Harbor, and to present a comprehensive plan for its improvement, which may serve to direct and regulate future constructions, be referred to a Special Committee.

Which, on motion of Mr. Torrey, was referred to the Joint Special Committee on the several subjects contained in the Governor's Address.

On motion of Mr. Burbank, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Militia be instructed to inquire if any, and what further legislation is necessary or expedient respecting Elementary and Battalion Drills.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Clapp, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms furnish the Legislative Documents to each member of the House, daily.

On motion of Mr. Boyce, of Berkley,

Ordered, That the Committee on Railways and Canals be instructed, to consider the expediency of reporting a Bill, to levy a tax on all railroad property in the Commonwealth, to be applied in liquidation of the State debt

Subsequently, Mr. Beal, of Boston, moved a reconsideration of the vote, which motion was placed in the Orders of the Day for to-morrow.

Mr. Hagar, of Newton, offered the following Order:

Ordered, That a Committee of Five, on the part of the House, be appointed, to be joined by a committee of the Senate, to take into consideration the matter of compensation for taking the census, according to an Act passed by the Legislature of Massachusetts, May twenty-first, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, entitled, "An Act to secure a Decennial Census," and report the necessary action for compensating the services required by said Act, and that the same committee be authorized to audit the

bills for the services required by the Act passed by the Legislature of Massachusetts, May twenty-first, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, entitled "An Act to obtain Statistical Information, relating to certain Branches of Industry."

Laid over, under the Rule.

A communication was received from the Auditor of Accounts, covering the Annual Report of the expenses of his office, for the year ending December thirty-first, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Also, a communication was received from the Adjutant-General, covering a Report of the Expenses of his office for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of Amory Houghton and others, praying to be incorporated as the Union Glass Company, to be located in Somerville, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by Hon. Mr. Sutton, proposing a Convention of the two branches on

Thursday, January seventeenth, at one o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of filling the vacancies in the Board of Overseers of Harvard College.

On motion of Mr. Taft, of Worcester, the House concurred in the proposal, and Mr. Taft was charged with a message to the Senate to inform them thereof.

Mr. Devereux, of Salem, on leave, introduced a Bill, entitled, "An Act establishing a Probate Court in North Andover, in the County of Essex."

Read, and committed to the Committee on Probate and Chancery, with instructions to report forthwith.

Mr. Vose, of Boston, on leave, introduced a "Resolve in favor of Henry A. Marsh."

Read, and committed to the Committee on the Pay Roll.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate came in at one o'clock, and the two branches being assembled in Convention, proceeded to make choice of a Board of Executive Counsellors, and the vote having been taken, it appeared that the following named gentlemen were elected, viz. :—

Messrs. Charles H. Stedman, of Boston,
Caleb D. Hunking, of Haverhill,
Josiah G. Peabody, of Lowell,
Edward Denny, of Barre,
Horace Lyman, of Greenfield,
Thomas Colt, of Pittsfield,
Moses G. Cobb, of Dorchester,
John Kenrick, of Orleans, and
David Davis, of Edgartown.

And the business for which the two branches were convened having been accomplished, the Convention dissolved and the Senate withdrew.

Mr. Andrews, of Danvers, was excused from serving on the Committee on Elections, and Mr. Lunt, of Newbury, was appointed in his place.

On motion of Mr. Freeman, of Orleans,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Thomas, of New Bedford, presented the Petition of the Mechanics' Bank, of New Bedford, for an increase of their capital stock ;

Also, the Petition of the President and Directors of the Merchants' Bank, of New Bedford, for increase of capital stock.

Severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. Vinson, of Edgartown, the Petition of the Chappaquidic Indians, for an additional sum of money for educational purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Weld, of Winchester, the Petition of B. F. Thompson and others, for incorporation as the First Congregational Society in Winchester.

Referred to the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Mr. Oliver, of South Reading, the Petition of Caleb Howard and others, for legislation relative to sea weed on beaches in North Chelsea.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Coburn, of Dracut, the Petition of G. W. Coburn and others, for a fish way at Lawrence.

Referred to the Joint Special Committee on the Petition of Ambrose Lawrence and others.

Mr. Warner, of Belchertown, the Petition of the inhabitants of Belchertown for allowance of School Fund.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Thurston, of Lancaster, the Petition of Wm. M. Bickford and others, praying that the seats of the sitting members from Worcester may be vacated, for reasons stated in said Petition.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

On motion of Mr. Temple, of Framingham,

Ordered, That the use of the Representatives' Hall be granted to the Legislative Temperance Society on the evening of Wednesday of each week, during the present session.

On motion of Mr. Hinds, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what further legislation, if any, is required to enlarge the powers of the Superior Court of Boston, relative to issuing executions on judgments rendered in the Court of Common Pleas.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, of Mansfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending an Act passed by the Legislature of eighteen hundred and fifty-five, entitled, "An Act to exempt the Homestead of a Householder," by adding to the same the third section of an Act, passed by the Legislature of eighteen hundred and fifty-one, by the same title.

On motion of Mr. Hawks, of Adams,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether any legislation is necessary with regard to the custody of minor children, whose parents are separated.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider whether any further legislation is necessary in regard to the first eight sections of the Act concerning the organization of the House of Representatives, passed March sixteen, eighteen hundred and forty-four.

The Order of Mr. Hagar, of Newton, of yesterday, was taken up, and on motion of the same gentleman, amended, by referring the matter therein contained, to the Committee on Claims; and the Order, as amended, was adopted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Strickland, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was committed the Bill relating to the Probate Court in North Andover,

Reported, that the same ought to pass; and the Bill, under a suspension of the Rules, took its several readings, and was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Haynes, from the Committee on the Pay Roll, to whom was referred the Resolve in favor of Henry A. Marsh,

Reported, that the same ought to pass; and the Resolve, under a suspension of the Rules, took its several readings, and was passed to be engrossed.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Thurston, from the Committee to prepare Rules and Orders for the government of the House of Representatives,

Reported, recommending the adoption of the Rules and Orders of the last session, with an amendment in

the seventh rule, by striking out the words, "or before the roll shall be finished." The amendment was adopted, and the report accepted.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of Benjamin Rockwood and others, for the incorporation of the town of Allendale, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

The Petition of Dennis Condry and others, for an Act of incorporation for a Marine and Fire Insurance Company, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Severally in concurrence.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth give notice to

Messrs. Charles H. Stedman, of Boston,
Caleb D. Hunking, of Haverhill,
Josiah G. Peabody, of Lowell,
Edward Denny, of Barre,
Horace Lyman, of Greenfield,
Thomas Colt, of Pittsfield,
Moses G. Cobb, of Dorchester,
John Kenrick, of Orleans, and
David Davis, of Edgartown,

that they have been elected Counsellors to advise the Governor in the executive part of the government for the present political year.

On motion of Mr. Vose, of Boston, the Orders of the Day were taken up, and the motion offered yesterday by Mr. Beal, of Boston, to reconsider the vote whereby the Order of Mr. Boyce, of Berkley. was adopted yesterday, was lost.

Mr. Charles A. French, Representative elect from Stoughton, appeared and presented his Credentials, and
Messrs. Dyer, of Boston, and
Freeman, of Orleans.

were appointed a Committee to wait on him to the Governor and Council for the purpose of taking the necessary oaths and affirmations ; and the committee subsequently reported that they had discharged their duty, and that Mr. French was duly qualified.

A communication was received from the Treasurer and Receiver-General of the Commonwealth, covering a Report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the Western Railroad Corporation, which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Evans, of Amesbury, presented the Petition of Jonathan Morrill and others, relative to the fish ways in Merrimac River, at Lawrence ;

Mr. Foster, of Andover, the Petition of George W. Gould and others, of Andover and North Andover ;

Mr. Coburn, of Dracut, the Petition of Samuel Nichols and others, of Wilmington ;

Mr. Ingalls, of Methuen, the Petition of Samuel Richardson and others,

Severally relative to the same subject.

Severally referred to the Joint Special Committee on the Petition of Ambrose Lawrence and others.

Mr. Chapin, of Westfield, presented the Petition of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Huntington, for allowance of expenses incurred in the support of foreign paupers.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Stone, of Charlestown, the Petition of James O. Curtis, and others, of Medford, relative to a Road and Bridge over Malden River.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Keith, of Bridgewater, the Petition of the inhabitants of the town of Halifax, for the right to assess money to defray the expenses of transporting the mail, excepting the amount received from the General Government.

Mr. Clifford, of Lowell, the Petition of Elisha Huntington, Mayor of the city of Lowell, for the establishment of another term of the Court of Common Pleas in the said city of Lowell.

Severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Wells, of Stockbridge,

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms cause to be prepared, printed, and bound in the usual manner, the book

of Rules and Orders of this House, said book to contain all the matter that has usually been published therein.

On motion of Mr. Story, of Somerville,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of any further legislation in reference to an Act suppressing Horse Racing, approved by the Governor on the eighth day of April, eighteen hundred and forty-eight.

On motion of Mr. Taggart, of Haverhill,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what other legislation, if any, is necessary, relative to the registration of deeds.

On motion of Mr. Pike, of Newton,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, that parties in civil actions may be permitted to testify in their own causes.

On motion of Mr. Adams, of New Marlboro',

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed, to inquire into the expediency of reporting a Bill, making, in all jury trials before a justice of the peace, where the amount of damage claimed does not exceed fifty dollars, their decision final.

On motion of Mr. Story, of Somerville,

Ordered, That the Committee on matters of Probate and Chancery be instructed, to inquire into the expediency of any further legislation in reference to the assignment of dower, and the payment of rents and profits to widows, out of the estates of their deceased husbands.

On motion of Mr. Thaxter, of Watertown,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll be instructed to report a Resolve, providing for the pay of the Legislature and its officers, monthly.

On motion of Mr. T. P. Hale, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance be instructed to inquire, what legislation,

if any, is necessary, respecting the fraudulent sale or transfer by insolvent debtors, of their assets.

On motion of Mr. Meekins, of Williamsburg,

Ordered, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance be directed to consider the expediency of a modification or repeal of an Act passed the twentieth day of April, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, entitled "An Act concerning the Manufacture and Sale of Spirituous and Intoxicating Liquors," and report by Bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Oliver, of South Reading,

Ordered, That the Petition of J. W. Converse and others, be taken from the files of last year, and committed to the Committee on Towns.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, of Newburyport,

Ordered, That the Petition of E. Augustus Richards and others, of Braintree, be taken from the files of last year, and referred to the Committee on Towns.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, covering the Annual Report of the expenses of his office.

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

A message was received from the Senate, by Hon. Mr. Thatcher, proposing a Convention of the two branches at one o'clock, P. M., to-day, for the purpose of qualifying such Counsellors elect as might be present, and ready to be qualified. And on motion, the House concurred, and Mr. Whitney, of Ashburnham, was charged with a message to the Senate to inform them thereof.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of George Adams and others, for compensation for taking the census of eighteen hundred and fifty-five, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The Petition of James G. Carney and others, for amendments to the Act incorporating the Bank of Mutual Redemption, and

The Petition of the Eagle Bank, of Boston, for increase of capital,

Were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Severally in concurrence.

Communications were read from

Messrs. Charles H. Stedman, of Boston,
Caleb D. Hunking, of Haverhill,
Josiah G. Peabody, of Lowell,

Edward Denny, of Barre,
Horace Lyman, of Greenfield,
Moses G. Cobb, of Dorchester,
John Kenrick, of Orleans, and
David Davis, of Edgartown,
severally signifying their acceptance of the office of
Counsellors for the ensuing political year.

Pursuant to assignment, at one o'clock, P. M., the
Senate came in, and the two branches being in Conven-
tion, the oaths of office required by the Constitution,
were respectively administered to, and taken and sub-
scribed, by the following Counsellors elect, viz.:—

Messrs. Charles H. Stedman, of Boston,
Caleb D. Hunking, of Haverhill,
Josiah G. Peabody, of Lowell,
Edward Denny, of Barre,
Horace Lyman, of Greenfield,
John Kenrick, of Orleans, and
David Davis, of Edgartown.

The business for which the two branches were con-
vened having been accomplished, the Convention dis-
solved, and the Senate withdrew.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the Secretary give no-
tice to the Governor, that

Messrs. Charles H. Stedman, of Boston,
Caleb D. Hunking, of Haverhill,

Josiah G. Peabody, of Lowell,
Edward Denny, of Barre,
Horace Lyman, of Greenfield,
John Kenrick, of Orleans, and
David Davis, of Edgartown,

have been chosen, and are qualified, in the manner prescribed by the Constitution, as Counsellors to advise him in the executive part of the government for the ensuing political year.

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On motion of Mr. Russell of Salem,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Leach, of Plymouth, presented the Petition of Oliver Edes and others, to be incorporated as the Plymouth Zinc Mills.

Referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Smith, of Chatham, presented the Petition of Collins Howes, Jr. and others, for a fish weir.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Mr. Hicks, of New Bedford, presented the Petition of the Marine Bank, of New Bedford, for increase of capital.

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. Conley, of Boston, presented the Petition of J. H. Pearson and others, for leave to improve their estates to the channel or harbor lines, and to be incorporated with power to construct an Avenue to South Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Endicott, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Petitions of William C. Barstow, and Daniel Crowley, respectively, for leave to extend their wharves, be taken from the files of this House, and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Reed, of Newburyport,

Ordered, That the use of the Representatives' Hall be granted to the members of the Legislature Tuesday evenings, during the session, for the purpose of holding agricultural meetings.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, of Ashburnham,

Ordered, That when this House adjourn, it be adjourned to Monday next, at twelve o'clock, M.

On motion of Mr. Fenno, of North Chelsea,

The Certificates of the election of members of the House, were taken from the files, and referred to the Committee on Elections.

The Engrossed Bill, "Establishing a Probate Court in North Andover, in the County of Essex," (which originated in the House,) passed to be enacted and sent to the Senate.

The Committee on the Pay Roll, on the Order relative to providing for the pay of the Legislature and its officers, monthly, reported,

“A Resolve for the pay of the Legislature and its officers, monthly.”

Read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Fletcher, from the Committee on Elections, reported Orders of Notice on the Petition of Edward W. Hinks and William M. Cornell; and on the Petition of Warren Leynde and others, of Melrose.

Severally adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of the Cambridge Water Works for alterations in their charter, was referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

The Petition of the Cochituate Fire Insurance Company of Boston, for change of name; and,

The Petition of William B. Calhoun and others, for a Mutual Fire Insurance Company in Springfield,

Were severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The Petition of H. Williams and others, for a Bridge, over Malden River, was referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Severally in concurrence.

A communication was read from George S. Boutwell, resigning his seat as a member of the Board of Overseers of Harvard University.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the Joint Standing Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, be directed to visit the several public charitable institutions.

The Order of Mr. Boyce, of Berkley, relative to taxing railroad property in the Commonwealth, came down concurred, with an amendment, and the House non-concurred in the amendment.

On motion of Mr. Emerson, of Boston.

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of Saturday was read.

Mr. Dyer, of Boston, presented the Petition of Abiel H. Fillmore and others, to be set off from Waltham to Watertown.

Mr. Stone, of Charlestown, the Petition of Jacob Hittinger and others, legal voters of Waltham, Watertown, and West Cambridge, for the incorporation of a new Town, to be called Belmont.

Severally referred to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. Devereux, of Salem, presented the Petition of John Perbram and others, for an Insurance Company in Salem.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. Johnson, of Provincetown, the Petition of James W. Richardson, for remuneration for injuries received while assisting a Police Officer.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Ritchie, of Boston, presented the Petition of Caroline C. Tappan, of Boston, for Divorce.

Referred to the Committee on Probate and Chancery.

On motion of Mr. Hinds, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what further legislation is necessary to prevent an insolvent debtor being charged upon a new promise, after having obtained his discharge in Insolvency, unless such promise be in writing.

Also, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire what further legislation is necessary, if any, in reference to the change of the Terms of the Superior Court, of Boston.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, of Ashburnham,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether any legislation is necessary relative to the election of Assessors of towns.

On motion of Mr. Burbank, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on Probate and Chancery be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing

by law for vacating proceedings in any matter in Insolvency at any time after the first publication of the warrant in said matter.

On motion of Mr. Warren, of Brighton,

Ordered, That the Committee on Towns be instructed to inquire into the expediency of requiring the County Commissioners of the several counties to furnish the returning officers of the several towns in their several counties, with suitable blanks for the returns of votes previous to any meeting, for the election of county officers, and the said blanks to indicate the form and manner required by law for making such returns.

On motion of Mr. Devereux, of Salem,

Ordered, that the Committee on Railways and Canals be instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is expedient in relation to the safe construction of railroad bridges and viaducts.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Freeman, of Orleans,

Ordered, That when this House adjourn, it be adjourned to eleven o'clock, A. M., to-morrow, and that that be the hour of meeting until otherwise ordered.

Mr. Fletcher, from the Committee on Elections, reported Orders of Notice on the Petitions of

Wm. M. Bickford,

Edward Lamb,

Isaac Davis,

John Dexter and others,

and on the Remonstrance of Joseph Day and others.

Severally accepted.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of the Webster Bank, for increase of capital, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, covering a communication from Albert H. Nelson, declining to accept the office of Attorney-General.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the Petitions, Memorials, and Remonstrances, relative to the "Ten Hour Law," which were referred to this General Court, be taken from the files and committed to a joint special committee.

Also, That the Petition of David Choate and others, of Essex, and the accompanying papers, be taken from the files of last year and referred to the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

The Order of Mr. Meekins, of Williamsburg, offered January eleven, relative to the Liquor Law, came down from the Senate, amended, by referring the same to the Joint Special Committee on so much of the Governor's Address as relates to the subject of Intemperance, and the House concurred in the amendment.

The Report of the Joint Special Committee, to whom was referred the several portions of the Governor's Address, was read, and placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the "Resolve for the pay of the Legislature and its officers, monthly," was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Hinds, of Boston, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Order of Mr. Endicott, of Boston, relative to the Petitions of William C. Barstow, and Daniel Crowley, was adopted.

Placed in the Orders of the Day.

A message was received from the Senate, by Hon. Daniel Warren, proposing a Convention of the two branches on Tuesday, January fifteenth, at twelve and one-half o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of filling the vacancy in the office of Attorney-General, caused by the declination of Albert H. Nelson, of Woburn, to be qualified.

Also, to qualify such Executive Counsellors elect as may be present, and ready to be qualified.

The House concurred, and the Clerk was charged with a message to the Senate to inform them thereof.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, of Lexington,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Nickerson, of Harwich, presented the Petition of the Selectmen of Harwich, for compensation for taking the census of said town, in eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

Referred to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. Endicott, of Boston, presented the Petition of Daniel Crowley, for leave to extend his wharf;

Also, the Petition of William C. Barstow and others, for leave to extend their wharf.

Severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. Fuller, of Needham, presented the Petition of S. B. Sumner and others, for the further security of Depositors in Savings Banks.

Mr. Blake, of Woburn, the Petition of the Woburn Bank, for increase of capital.

Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, presented the Petition of the Millbury Bank, for increase of capital.

Severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. Orcutt, of Chelsea, the Petition of the American Lead Works, for change of name.

Referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Oliver, of South Reading, the Memorial of the Town of South Reading, in aid of the Petition of Caleb Howard and others.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Crosby, of Lowell, the Petition of Larkin T. Trull, and other legal voters of the town of Tewksbury, in relation to fish ways on the Merrimack River.

Referred to the Joint Special Committee on the Petition of Ambrose Lawrence and others.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Tidd, of Stoneham, presented the Petition of Seva W. Abbott, for leave to sell real estate.

Mr. Thaxter, of Watertown, the Petition, of Samuel Jennison, Jr., for authority to sell real estate.

Severally referred to the Committee on Probate and Chancery.

On motion of Mr. Hinds, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what further legislation, if any, is necessary, in reference to limited co-partnerships.

Also, That the same committee be instructed to inquire what further legislation, if any, is necessary, in reference to Railroad Commissioners, and to consider the matter of establishing a trial by jury in certain cases arising under the Act of eighteen hundred and forty-five, establishing said Commissioners.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, of Charlestown,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire whether any, and if any, what further legislation is necessary, in order to secure the more prompt returns of elections by city and town clerks.

On motion of Mr. Tidd, of Stoneham,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending

an Act, approved April twentieth, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, chapter four hundred and sixteen, entitled "An Act in relation to Female Convicts," so that wherever the word "Judge" occurs in said Act, it may read Judge or Justice of the Peace, instead of "Judge."

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell,

Ordered, That the Committee on Probate and Chancery inquire into the expediency of so amending the eighth section of the two hundred and eighth chapter of the Laws passed in eighteen hundred and forty-five, said chapter being entitled, "An Act in addition to the several Acts concerning Husband and Wife," so that the wife who now has, or who may hereafter, have property to her sole use, in the hands of a trustee, appointed upon her own petition, can revoke said trust whenever her interest may require that it should be done, or may appoint another trustee to act in the place and stead of the one first appointed.

On motion of Mr. Potter, of Dartmouth,

- Ordered, That a Committee of One from each County be appointed to take into consideration the expediency of reporting a Resolve to regulate the mileage of members.

On motion of Mr. Hammond, of Rochester,

Ordered, That the Petitions of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Marion and Wareham, relating to the Weymouth Bridge, be taken from the files of last year, and referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Pollard, from the Committee appointed to tender the thanks of the House to Rev. Raymond H. Seeley, for his Sermon delivered before the two branches of the Legislature, and request a copy of the same for publication, reported that they had attended to that duty, and offered the following Order, which was adopted.

Ordered, That four thousand copies of the Election Sermon, delivered by Rev. Raymond H. Seeley, before the Executive and the two branches of the Legislature, be printed for the use of the House.

Mr. Thomas, from the Joint Special Committee on the Governor's Address, to whom was referred the Order offered by Mr. Torrey, of Boston, on the ninth instant, relative to Boston Harbor, reported, that the same be referred to the Joint Special Committee on that subject.

Accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Stoddard, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Order of January tenth, relative to Minor Children, reported

“A Bill respecting the custody of Minor Children, whose parents are living separate.”

Mr. Whiton, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to whom was referred the Petition of the Tremont Insurance Company, to be considered as a body corporate, reported

“A bill continuing the Tremont Insurance Company.”

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Order offered by Mr. Endicott, of Boston, January twelfth, relative to the Petitions of William C. Barstow and Daniel Crowley, was adopted, was carried, and the Order was rejected.

The next matter in the Orders of the Day was the Report of the Joint Special Committee on the several subjects contained in the Governor's Address, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the acceptance of the Report.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of Boston, the Report was considered, *seriatim*.

The First Article of the Report, referring so much of the Address as relates to the division of the Commonwealth into districts, and the prescribing by general law for the election of Sheriffs, Registers of Probate, Commissioners of Insolvency, and Clerks of the several Courts, by the people of the several counties, and District Attorneys, by the people of the several districts, to a Joint Special Committee of Five on the part of the Senate, and One from each Congressional District on the part of the House, and

The Fourth Article, referring so much of the Address as relates to Intemperance, to a Joint Special Committee of Five on the part of the Senate, and One from each Congressional District on the part of the House, and

The Fifth Article, referring so much of the Address as relates to the financial condition of the State, and correctional and preventive expenditures, to the Committee on Finance, and

The Sixth Article, referring so much of the Address as relates to claims against the General Government, to the Committee on Claims, and

The Seventh Article, referring so much of the Address as relates to Almshouses, the State Reform School for Girls, and the Lunatic Hospital in Western Massachusetts, to the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, and

The Eighth Article, referring so much of the Address as relates to enlarging the powers of the Board of Alien Commissioners, and the law of last year allowing towns payment for transporting paupers to the State Almshouses, to a Joint Special Committee, of Two on the part of the Senate, and Five on the part of the House, and

The Ninth Article, referring so much of the Address as relates to the Northerly Shore of South Boston, and the application to the General Government for the appointment of a Scientific Board, to report on the condition of Boston Harbor, to a Joint Special Committee of Two on the part of the Senate, and Five on the part of the House, and

The Tenth Article, referring so much of the Address

as relates to the Board of Insurance Commissioners, to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, and

The Eleventh Article, referring so much of the Address as relates to Agriculture, to the Committee on Agriculture, and

The Twelfth Article, referring so much of the Address as relates to Educational Matters, to the Committee on Education, and

The Thirteenth Article, referring so much of the Address as relates to the State Military, to the Committee on the Militia, and

The Fourteenth Article, referring so much of the Address as relates to lands in Maine, to the Committee on Public Lands, and

The Sixteenth Article, referring so much of the Address as relates to Banks, to the Committee on Banks and Banking,

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The Second Article of the Report, referring so much of the Address as relates to the Amendments of the Constitution acted on by the Legislature of last year, or now first proposed for consideration, to a Joint Special Committee on Constitutional Amendments, of Two on

the part of the Senate, and Five on the part of the House, was concurred with the following amendment, viz. :—

Strike out all after the word “amendments,” and insert the words “of Five on the part of the Senate, and One from each County, on the part of the House.”

The Third Article, referring so much of the Address as relates to “An Act to protect the Rights and Liberties of the People of Massachusetts,” to a Joint Special Committee on Federal Relations, of Three on the part of the Senate, and Six on the part of the House, was concurred, with the following amendment, viz. :—

Strike out all after the words “Federal Relations,” and insert the words “of Five on the part of the Senate, and One from each Congressional District on the part of the House.”

The Fifteenth Article, referring so much of the Address as relates to the increase of the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court; also, so much as relates to the over issues of stock in corporations, and the crime of placing obstructions upon railway tracks, to the Com-

mittee on the Judiciary was concurred, with the following amendment, viz. :—

Strike out all after words “ Railway Tracks,” and insert the words, “ to a Joint Special Committee, consisting of the Committee on the Judiciary on the part of the Senate, and the Committee on the Judiciary on the part of the House.”

Severally sent up for concurrence.

The House Resolve, “ for the pay of the Legislature and its officers, monthly,” was read a third time and passed to engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of the Boston and New York Central Railroad Company, for extension of time for paying land damages ;

Also, For extension of time for completing their road,

And the Petition of the Plympton Branch Railroad for a change of corporate name,

Were severally referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

The Petition of Elizur Wright, of Boston, in regard to Life Insurance, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Severally in concurrence.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, be instructed to consider the expediency of so amending the first section of the two hundred and thirty-second chapter of the Acts of eighteen hundred and fifty-five, that certain kinds of grain may be sold by measure or by weight, at the option of the contracting parties.

The Order of Mr. Boyce, of Berkley, of the ninth instant, relative to taxing railroads, came down from the Senate with the endorsement, "the Senate insisted on its amendment." On motion, the House adhered to its non-concurrence.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate came in at twelve and a half o'clock, P. M., and the two branches being assembled in Convention, the oaths and affirmations required by the Constitution were taken and subscribed by Moses G. Cobb, of Dorchester, Counsellor elect for the present year.

The Convention then proceeded to make choice of an Attorney-General of the Commonwealth, for the ensuing political year; and, the votes having been taken and counted, it appeared that the Convention had made choice of

JOHN H. CLIFFORD, of New Bedford. .

The business for which the two branches were convened having been accomplished, the Convention dissolved, and the Senate withdrew.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the Secretary give notice to the Governor, that Moses G. Cobb, of Dorchester, has been chosen, and is now qualified, in the manner prescribed by the Constitution, Counsellor to advise him, in the Executive part of government for the present political year; also,

That the Secretary give notice to Hon. John H. Clifford, of New Bedford, that he has been chosen in the manner provided by the Constitution, Attorney-General of the Commonwealth for the current political year.

The Engrossed Resolve, "In favor of Henry A. Marsh," which originated in the House, was passed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Hammond, of Rochester,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Hildreth, of Lowell, presented the Petition of A. J. Richmond and others, relative to damages sustained by them by reason of flowage of their lands, caused by the Dam of the Essex Company ; and

Mr. Manning, of Chelmsford, the Petition of Francis Tuttle and others, in aid of the Petition of Ambrose Lawrence and others; and

Mr. Handley, of Acton, the Petition of Francis Conant and others, in aid of the same.

Severally referred to the Joint Special Committee on the Petition of Ambrose Lawrence and others.

Mr. Phillips, of Danvers, presented the Petition of Matthew Hooper and others, of Danvers, to be set off from Danvers, and annexed to South Danvers.

Mr. Freeland, of West Springfield, the Petition of A. H. Wheeler and others, that the Parish of "Feeding

Hills " may be incorporated into a Town by the name of Hampden.

Mr. Tenney, of Groveland, the Petition of William H. Carleton and others, legal voters of Boxford, to be set off to the town of Groveland.

Severally referred to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. Keith, of Bridgewater, presented the Petition of the Wardens of Trinity Church in Bridgewater, for an amendment to their Act of incorporation.

Referred to the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield, presented the Petition of the Pittsfield Bank, for increase of capital.

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. Sparrell, of Medford, presented the Petition of the Selectmen of Medford, for extension of time for constructing a highway across Mystic River.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Sever, of Boston, presented the Petition of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Company, concerning an Act in regard to the location of their new bridge.

Referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Codman, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary have leave to sit while the House of Representatives is in session.

Mr. Crane, from the Committee on Leave of Absence, reported leave of absence to Mr. Marble, of Charlton, for ten days, from the fifteenth instant.

Accepted.

The Speaker announced the following gentlemen as the Committee, on the Order offered by Mr. Potter, of Dartmouth, of the fourteenth instant, relative to the mileage of members, viz. :—

Messrs. Potter, of Dartmouth,
Bosworth, of Boston,
Ingalls, of Methuen,
Parker, of Cambridge,
Healey, of Dudley,
Turner, of Belchertown,
Chapin, of Westfield,
Cooley, of Conway,
Upton, of Adams,
Fuller, of Needham,
Potter, of Middleboro',
Freeman, of Orleans,
Mayhew, of Dukes, and
Hammond, of Nantucket,

Mr. Crocker, of Barnstable, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House concurred in the Senate reference of the First Article of Report of the Joint Special Committee on the Governor's Address, relative to Districting the Commonwealth, and providing for the election of certain officers therein named.

Mr. Andrews, of Danvers, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby an Order offered by Mr. Emerson, of Boston, relative to issuing bank notes, and receiving bills of foreign banks, of a less denomination than five dollars, was yesterday rejected.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Abercrombie, of Quincy, the Statement of the Expenses of the Treasurer's Office, and

The Statement of the Expenses of the Adjutant-General's Office, and

The Statement of the Expenses of the Auditor's Office,

Were severally taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by Hon. Mr. Taylor, proposing a Convention of the two branches, to-morrow, at twelve and three-quarters o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of qualifying Thomas Colt, a Counsellor elect, for the ensuing political year.

The House concurred in the proposition, and Mr. Porter, of Sturbridge, was charged with a message to the Senate, to inform them thereof.

The Orders of the Day were taken up, and the House Bills,

“Continuing the Tremont Insurance Company,” and

“Respecting the custody of minor children, whose parents are living separate,”

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of the Tremont Bank, for increase of capital, and

The Petition of the Faneuil Hall Bank, for increase of capital,

Were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

The Petition of Mr. Haskins and others, to be set off

from Lakeville, and annexed to Middleborough, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

The Petition of Theodore Drew, and others, for leave to extend a fish weir, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

The Petition of John D. W. Joy and others, for an Act of incorporation as a Sabbath School Union, was referred to the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

The Petition of the Town of Williamstown for allowance of claim, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The two Resolves providing for an Amendment of the Constitution relative to eligibility to office, and

The Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution relative to the abolition of imprisonment for debt,

Severally taken from the files of last year, were severally referred to the Joint Special Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Severally in concurrence.

A communication was read from Thomas Colt, of

Pittsfield, signifying his acceptance of the office of Counsellor for the current political year.

Ordered, in concurrence, That Messrs. Carey and H. C. Brown, of the Senate, and

Messrs. Lewis, of Lynn,

Slade, of Fall River,

Phelps, of Lowell,

T. P. Hale, of Boston, and

Smith, of Chicopee,

be a Special Committee for the present political year, on the subject of Petitions, &c., relative to a "Ten Hour Law;" also,

Ordered, That the Secretary give notice to the Governor, that Hon. John H. Clifford, of New Bedford, has been chosen, in the manner prescribed by the Constitution, Attorney-General of the Commonwealth for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. Bliss, of Worcester,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Hammond, of Boston, presented the Petition of the Bank of North America, for increase of capital.

Mr. Mudge, of Petersham, the Petition of Miller's River Bank, for increase of capital.

Severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. Leach, of Plymouth, presented the Petition of Caleb Morton and others, for a division of the town of Plymouth.

Referred to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. Codman, of Boston, presented the Petition of William Sturgiss and others, to unite the Dwight Manufacturing Company and the Perkins Mills in one Corporation.

Referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Sever, of Boston, presented the Remonstrance of

Frederick Tudor and others, against the Petition of the Cambridge Water Works.

Referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Ford, of West Stockbridge, presented the Petition of Lewis Pennel, relative to the taxation of Bank Stock.

Mr. Phelps, of Lowell, the Petition of Boyd Howard, of Boston, for a change in the laws relative to Divorce.

Mr. West, of Pittsfield, the Petition of W. M. Root and others, for repeal of the Act of eighteen hundred and fifty-five, relative to the Trustee Process.

Severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Strickland, of Sandisfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to consider the expediency of making further provisions or alterations in the law concerning the Venue of Actions.

On motion of Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire what, if any, further legislation is necessary, relating to Homestead Exemption Rights.

On motion of Mr. Dyer, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a Bill giving to the Justices of the Peace and Justices of the Police Courts, jurisdiction concurrent with the Court of Common Pleas in their respective counties, and the Police Court of the city of Boston jurisdiction concurrent with the Municipal Court of the city of Boston, of the offence described in the two hundred and ninety-fifth chapter of the Acts of eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

On motion of Mr. Devereux, of Salem,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of making any change in the salaries of the Judges of the Courts of this Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Loring, of Marlboro',

Ordered, That a Committee of Five on the part of the House, be appointed, to be joined by a committee of the Senate, to consider and report what measure, if any, can be adopted, to forward the business of this session of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on Railways and Canals inquire into the expediency of regulating by law the rate

at which a train in motion, shall pass another at a station.

On motion of Mr. Thaxter, of Watertown,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Library consider the expediency of printing an edition of the "Records of Massachusetts," from the plates belonging to the State, to be furnished to any person wishing to purchase, at the cost of printing.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Burbank, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Clerk be instructed to prepare a list of the various Committees of the Legislature in a convenient memorandum form, for the use of the members of the House.

Mr. Codman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Order of Mr. Whitney, of Ashburnham, of the fourteenth inst., relating to the election of Assessors of Towns,

Reported, that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Strickland, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, reported an Order of Notice on the Petition of Caroline C. Tappan.

Accepted.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Thayer, of Boston, of the tenth instant, relative to the organization of the House of Representatives, Reported "A Bill respecting returns of the members elect of the House of Representatives."

Mr. Story, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an Order of Mr. Hinds, of Boston, of the tenth instant, relative to the powers of the Superior Court, of the County of Suffolk, Reported "A Bill in addition to an Act, entitled, an Act to establish the Superior Court of the County of Suffolk."

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported an Order of Notice on the Petition of Josiah G. Handy and others.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House concurred in the Senate reference of the First Article of the Report of the Joint Special Committee on the Governor's Address, was negatived.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Order of Mr. Emerson, of Boston, of the fifteenth instant,

relative to the issuing of bank notes, and the receiving of foreign bills of a less denomination than five dollars, was rejected, was carried, and the Order was adopted, as follows:—

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of prohibiting by law all banks within this Commonwealth, from issuing any notes or bills of a less denomination than five dollars, and from receiving any notes or bills of foreign banks, of a less denomination.

Sent up for concurrence.

The House Bill, “continuing the Tremont Insurance Company,” was read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The House Bill, “respecting the custody of minor children, whose parents are living separate,” was read a third time, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of George Marston and others, for the incorporation of the Boston and Cape Cod Marine

Telegraph Company, was referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

The Petition of the Lawrence Gas Company for increase of capital stock, was committed to the Committee on Manufactures.

Severally in concurrence.

An Order directing the Committee on Prisons to visit the State Prison and the different Jails and Houses of Correction in the Commonwealth, was nonconcurred.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate came in, and the two branches being in Convention, the oaths and affirmations of office were administered to, and taken and subscribed by, Thomas Colt, of Pittsfield, a Counsellor elect, for the current political year.

The two branches remained in Convention, pursuant to assignment, for the purpose of filling the vacancies in the Board of Overseers of Harvard College, and the votes having been taken and counted, it appeared that the following persons were elected, viz.:—

WINSLOW LEWIS, of Boston,

A. J. PHIPPS, of New Bedford,

JACOB SLEEPER, of Boston,

J. M. CHURCHILL, of Milton,
ROLLIN H. NEALE, of Boston,
GEORGE N. BRIGGS, of Pittsfield,
RICHARD S. SPOFFORD, of Newburyport, and
RODNEY A. MILLER, of Worcester.

The business for which the two branches were convened having been accomplished, the Convention dissolved, and the Senate withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Pollard, of Taunton,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Taylor, of Great Barrington, presented the Petition of the Town of Egremont, for remuneration for taking Statistics of Industry.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Oliver, of South Reading, presented the Petition of Emory Bancroft and others, in aid of the Petition of Caleb Howard and others.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Mansfield, of Blackstone, presented the Petition of Paul Todd and others, for a Library Association in the town of Blackstone.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Taggart, of Haverhill, presented the Petition of the Haverhill Mutual Fire Insurance Company, for an extension of charter.

Mr. Homer, of New Bedford, presented the Petition of the Morning Star Beneficial Society of New Bedford, for an Act of incorporation

Severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. Codman, of Boston, presented the Petition of the Columbian Bank, for an increase of capital.

Mr. Wells, of Stockbridge, the Petition of the Housatonic Bank, for an increase of capital.

Severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Hartwell, of Oxford, presented the Petition of John Wetherell and others, citizens of Oxford, for modifying the powers of County Commissioners.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Hills, of Cambridge,

Ordered, That the Committee on Probate and Chancery inquire into the expediency of providing by law, that a married woman who now has, or who may hereafter have property to her sole use in the hands of a trustee, appointed by any ante-nuptial agreement, can have said trust revoked, upon petition to any Judge of Probate where said trustee or the petitioner may reside, and upon the fact appearing to said Judge that the interest of said married woman requires that said revocation should be made.

On motion of Mr. Worcester, of Townsend,

Ordered, That the Committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of altering the time of holding such of the Probate Courts in the several counties of this Commonwealth as are now holden on the day of the annual State election, in November.

On motion of Mr. West, of Pittsfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to enable the Special Justices of the Police Court in Pittsfield, to act in case of a vacancy in the office of Standing Justice of said court.

On motion of Mr. Oliver, of South Reading,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire and report whether any further legislation is necessary respecting the powers of County Commissioners at railroad crossings.

On motion of Mr. Devereux, of Salem,

Ordered, That the Report made to the last Legislature, by a Special Committee of this House, upon the subject of Alien Immigration and Pauperism, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee to whom was referred that part of the Governor's Address relating to Alien Commissioners.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, of Charlestown,

Ordered, That the Committee on Railways and Canals be instructed to inquire, whether any, and if any, what further legislation is expedient or necessary, in order to hold Brakemen as well as Enginemen, responsible for the stopping of railroad trains at crossings.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, of New Bedford,

Ordered, That when this House adjourn, it be adjourned till to-morrow, at twelve o'clock, M., and that that be the hour of meeting until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell,

Ordered, That the Committee on Elections be authorized, to send for persons and papers in the various matters now before them.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, covering the Returns of the Sheriffs of the several Counties in the Commonwealth.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Speaker announced the following gentlemen as the Special Committee, on the Order of Mr. Loring, of Marlboro', of the seventeenth inst., viz. :—

Messrs. Loring, of Marlboro',
Smith, of Fitchburg,
Nye, of Sandwich,
Smith, of Barre, and
Estes, of Ipswich.

Mr. Thomas, of New Bedford, on leave, introduced a Bill, to repeal the four hundred and eighty-ninth chapter of the Acts of eighteen hundred and fifty-five, which was read and laid on the table.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Whitney, of Ashburnham, of the fourteenth instant, was recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Speaker announced Mr. Lamb, of Greenfield, on the Committee on the Judiciary, in the place of Mr. Osgood, of North Andover.

Papers from the Senate.

The Accounts of the Assessors of the town of Brookfield, for taking Statistics of Industry, and the Decennial Census ; also,

Of John Chapman, of Swampscott,

The Assessors of Scituate,
The Assessors of Hanover, and
The City of Cambridge,
for similar services,

Were severally referred to the Committee on Claims,
in concurrence.

An Order, That the Committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of providing by law prospectively, for the gradual and ultimate suppression, in this Commonwealth, of all bank bills under the denomination of five dollars, and report thereon, was non-concurred.

Orders of Notice were issued in concurrence, on the several Petitions of

Ambrose Lawrence and others,
Caleb Howard and others,
David Choate,
Benjamin Rockwood and others,
E. A. Richards and others, and
J. W. Converse and others.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, of New Bedford,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Smith, of West Roxbury, presented the Petition of the Selectmen of West Roxbury, for special powers as to limits to burying grounds.

Mr. Stone, of Charlestown, the Petition of Austin Belknap and others, of Watertown, in aid of the Petition of Jacob Hittinger and others.

Severally referred to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. Shepard, of Malden, presented the Petition of Silas Sargent and others, in aid of that of Caleb Howard and others.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Russell, of Salem, presented the Petition of the Second Baptist Society of Salem, for change of name.

Referred to the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Mr. Boyce, of Berkley, presented the Petition of Charles H. Gooding and others, for leave to build a bridge across Taunton River.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Pollard, of Taunton,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what further legislation is necessary, in regard to the authority of School Committees, to control, in certain cases, the occupancy of District School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Dyer, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire whether some provision should not be made, regulating the hour of the day for making writs in civil processes, returnable before Justices of the Peace and Police Court.

On motion of Mr. Weeks, of Lowell,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what, if any, further legislation is necessary, relative to lotteries and gift enterprises.

On motion of Mr. Sever, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to consider and report what, if any, alterations are necessary in the Act, entitled, "An Act to protect the property of Married Women," passed at the last session of the General Court.

On motion of Mr. Murdock, of Wareham,

Ordered, That the Committee on Prisons be instructed to consider the expediency of enacting a law relative to the Jail and House of Correction in the County of Plymouth.

On motion of Mr. Temple, of Framingham,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire whether further legislation is necessary to define the duties of Prudential Committees of School Districts.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Codman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Order of Mr. Dyer, of Boston, of the seventeenth instant, reported

"A Bill relating to the unlawful use of Private Property."

Read and ordered to a second reading

A communication was received from the Governor, covering a communication from the Adjutant-General, announcing a vacancy in the office of Major-General of the Third Division of Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, in consequence of the resignation and discharge of George Hobbs.

Read and sent up.

A message was received from the Governor, by the Secretary, transmitting the Reports of the Inspectors, Warden, Chaplain, and Physician of the State Prison,

The Report of the Land Agent,

The Report of the Agent of Charles River and Warren Bridges,

The Report of the Superintendent of Alien Passengers, and

The Report of the Commissioners appointed under the Act of eighteen hundred and fifty-five, for the erection of a Third Hospital for the Insane.

Severally laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, offered an Order limiting the time in which the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions should be allowed to visit the various institutions.

Laid over, under the Rule.

On motion of Mr. Littlefield, of Foxboro', the Statement of the Expenses of the Secretary's office was taken from the table, and referred to the Committee on Accounts; also,

The Report of the Commissioners of the Western Railroad Sinking Fund, was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Bill respecting the custody of Minor Children whose parents are living separate, was taken from the table and placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up and the Bills

“In addition to an Act entitled an Act to establish the Superior Court of the County of Suffolk,”

“Respecting Returns of the Members elect of the House of Representatives,”

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Papers from the Senate.

A communication from John H. Clifford, accepting the office of Attorney-General of the Commonwealth, was read, and placed on file.

Orders of Notice were issued, in concurrence, on the Petitions of

H. Williams and others, and
The Boston and New York Central Railroad Company.

The Report of the Joint Special Committee on the several subjects contained in the Governor's Address, was returned from the Senate, bearing the following endorsement, viz. :

“Concurred in the amendment of the third article, and non-concurred in the amendments of the second and fifteenth articles.”

On motion of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, the House voted to adhere to its amendments.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the Committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of granting to the State Board of Agriculture authority to determine and prescribe the time for holding the Exhibitions of the various incorporated Agricultural Societies.

Also, That the Joint Committee on Fisheries consider the expediency of providing by a general law for the establishment of fish weirs ;

Also, That the Secretary give notice to the Governor, that Thomas Colt, of Pittsfield, has been chosen and is now qualified in the manner prescribed by the Constitution, Counsellor to advise him in the executive part of the government for the present political year.

A Report from the Committee on Manufactures, granting leave to withdraw, on the Petition of Amory Houghton, and others, was read and placed in the Orders of the Day.

Orders relative to notifying the Overseers of Harvard College, elected the seventeenth instant, were severally non-concurred.

On motion of Mr. Weeks of Lowell,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of Saturday was read.

Mr. Gilbert, of New Bedford, presented the Petition of Edward W. Howland and others, for leave to take fish with purse seines, in Acushnet River.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Mr. Story, of Somerville, presented the Petition of the Middlesex Railroad Corporation, for amendment of its charter.

Referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, presented the Petition of the State Mutual Life Insurance Company, for the repeal of the Act of eighteen hundred and forty-five, requiring Mutual Life Insurance Companies to pay a bonus to the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Meekins, of Williamsburg,

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, relating to the amendment of the Constitution, in regard to conferring upon Juries in Criminal Trials,

the right to determine the law and the fact, submitted January thirty, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, be re-printed for the use of the members of the House.

On motion of Mr. Pollard, of Taunton,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed, to inquire into the expediency of enlarging, by legislation, the equity powers of the Supreme Judicial Court of this Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Lawrence, of Cambridge,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed, to consider the expediency of repealing chapter four hundred and fifty-eight, of the Acts passed last year, entitled "An Act providing for the Maintenance of Wives whose Husbands are under Guardianship for Idiocy or Insanity."

On motion of Mr. Andrews, of Danvers,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture consider the expediency, of authorizing an examination and survey of the Ornithology of the State, to be reported on to the next Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Reed, of Newburyport,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be in

structed to inquire whether any legislation is necessary respecting the velocity of Railroad Trains, when crossing bridges.

On motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, consider the expediency of providing by law, that the holders of endorsed paper shall notify the endorsers of the existence of the same, and the time of its maturity, as soon after obtaining possession of the same as may be deemed advisable, in order to render the said endorser responsible for the payment of the same.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Crane, from the Committee on Leave of Absence, reported Leave of Absence to Mr. T. P. Hale, of Boston, for five days, from the twenty-second instant.

Accepted.

Mr. Stoddard, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Hinds, of Boston, of the fourteenth instant, reported a Bill requiring a new promise of an Insolvent Debtor, after his discharge, to be in writing.

Mr. Briggs, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. West, of Pittsfield, relating to the powers of the Special Justices of the Police Court in Pittsfield, reported

“ A Bill in addition to an Act to establish a Police Court in the town of Pittsfield.”

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The Order of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, of the nineteenth instant, relative to restricting the powers granted the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, was, on motion of Mr. Vose, of Boston, indefinitely postponed.

An Order offered by Mr. Titcomb, of Lynnfield, relative to furnishing School Books, to the Public Schools, was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Wells, of Stockbridge, it was

Ordered, That when this House adjourns, it be adjourned till to-morrow at eleven o'clock, A. M., and that that be the hour of meeting until otherwise ordered.

A communication was received from the Treasurer and Receiver-General, of the Commonwealth, covering his Annual Report for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, the Petition of Warren Lynde was recommitted to the Committee on Elections.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, of Boston, and under a suspension of the Rules, the vote whereby the House on Saturday adhered to its amendments to the Report of the Committee on the several subjects contained in the Governor's Address, was reconsidered; and instead of the vote to *adhere*, the House voted to *insist*, and ordered a Committee of Conference.

On motion of Mr. Vose, of Boston, and under a suspension of the Rules, the House receded from its non-concurrence in the Senate Orders, relative to notifying the Overseers elect of Harvard College, and concurred with the Senate.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the Bill respecting the custody of minor children, whose parents are living separate; the question being on its passage to be engrossed. Amendments were offered, pending the question on which, the whole subject was, on motion, recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Bills,

“In addition to an Act entitled An Act establishing the Superior Court of the County of Suffolk;” and

“Respecting the Returns of the members elect of the House of Representatives,”

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and were sent up for concurrence.

The Report, “Leave to withdraw,” of the Committee on Manufactures, on the Petition of Amory Houghton and others, was accepted, in concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of Edward G. Nickerson to extend his wharf; and

The Petition of Daniel Cragin for leave to extend his wharf,

Were severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Severally in concurrence.

Orders of Notice were issued, in concurrence, on the several Petitions of

The Cambridge Water Works,
George Marston and others,
Matthew Hooper and others,
A. H. Wheeler and others,

William H. Carleton and others,
Jacob Hittinger and others,
M. Haskins and others, and
Abiel H. Fillebrown and others.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the Committee on Railways and Canals, be instructed to consider the expediency of reporting a Bill prohibiting the Commissioners of the Western Railroad Corporation from investing any of the sinking fund of said corporation in the stock or bonds of any railroad, banking, manufacturing, or other industrial corporation.

On motion of Mr. Gray, of Holyoke,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Wheeler, a member of the House.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Sever, of Boston, presented the Remonstrance of Addison Gage and others, against the Petition of the Cambridge Water Works.

Referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Mr. Newhall, of Saugus, presented the Petition of James Newhall and others, in aid of the Petition of Caleb Howard and others.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Turner, of Brookline, presented the Petition of W. B. Hazletine and others, for incorporation as a Steamboat Company.

Mr. Beal, of Boston, presented the Petition of the Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Company, for leave to extend a wharf on their own land and flats.

Mr. Cook, of Gloucester, presented the Petition of John Pew, to extend his wharf in Gloucester.

Severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. Turner, of Brookline, presented the Petition of A. A. Lawrence and Company and others, for the suppression of the circulation of small bills.

Mr. Wilkinson, of Dedham, presented the Petition of the Dedham Bank for increase of bank capital.

Severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. Orcutt, of Chelsea, presented the Petition of John Fenno and others, for the annexation of the town of Chelsea to the city of Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. Upham, of Dorchester, presented the Petition of E. P. McElroy, Robert Vose, Jr. and others, for an Act of incorporation as the Bowdoin Literary Association of Dorchester.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Fessenden, of West Cambridge, presented the Petition of E. F. Jones, for compensation for injuries to a horse at Camp Gardner, August twenty-six, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

Referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Wilkinson, of Dedham, presented the Petition of Jared Benson and others, for leave to divide and dispose of the estate of Jared Benson, deceased.

Referred to the Committee on Probate and Chancery.

Mr. Vose, of Boston, presented the Petition of J. Warren Appleton, for a repeal of the fifth section of the fiftieth chapter of the Revised Statutes ;

Also, the Petition of Thomas P. Rich, of Boston, for a change in the laws of the Commonwealth, in relation to the continuance of cases in Court.

Mr. Gray, of Holyoke, presented the Petition of C. W. Richard and others, for the establishment of a Police Court in the town of Holyoke.

Mr. Bliss, of Worcester, presented the Petition of Kinnicutt and Company and others, that the Fees of Clerks of Insolvency Courts may be regulated by law.

Severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending the first section of the one hundred and twenty-sixth chapter of the General Laws of eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, said chapter being entitled, "An Act relating to Divorce," so that instead of the words following, to wit,—“for the term of five years, consecutively,” there shall be substituted the words, “for the term of three years, consecutively.”

On motion of Mr. Burbank, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to consider the expediency of providing by law for the election of a Register of Deeds in the county of Suffolk, in the month of November, as prescribed for the election of such officers in other counties in the Commonwealth, by chapter ninety-two of the Acts of eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

On motion of Mr. Oliver, of South Reading,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending the fourth section of the seventy-eighth chapter of the Revised Statutes, that in all sales of real estate, the seller may be compelled, under penalties, to transmit within a specified time, a true copy of such sale, with the names of the purchaser to the Assessors of the city or town in which such real estate is situated.

On motion of Mr. Hall, of Cambridge,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending the forty-ninth chapter of the Revised Statutes, as to provide that the sureties in the bond given as required, in the first and second sections of that chapter, shall have the same power to exonerate themselves by surrendering their principal, as sureties in a bail bond now have by Revised Statutes, chapter ninety-one, section thirteenth to eighteenth, inclusive.

Also, to provide, that whenever any person shall be committed, on account of inability to give such bond, or shall be surrendered by his sureties, he shall be discharged from prison, on giving, at any time thereafter, the bond required, with sureties approved by two Justices of the Peace, and of the Quorum of the County, in the same manner as is provided by chapter ninety-seven, and section sixty-five, of the Revised Statutes, for the approval of sureties, in a bond for the prison limits.

Mr. Crane, from the Committee on Leave of Absence, reported, that leave of absence be granted to Mr. Merwin, of Boston, for ten days, from the eighteenth instant.

Accepted.

Mr. Dyer, From the Committee on Claims, on the Petition of George Adams and others, for an allowance for services, in taking the last Decennial Census, and making returns of Statistical Information, and also petitions and accounts of a similar nature, of various other parties,

Reported a Bill, in addition to several Acts to secure a Decennial Census, and Statistical Information ;

Also, that the various accounts be referred to the State Auditor.

Read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Lewis, of Lynn, moved a reconsideration of the vote, whereby the Order of Mr. Titcomb, of Lynnfield, of the twenty-first instant, relative to furnishing public schools with the necessary school books, was rejected.

Motion placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Order of Mr. Loring, of Marlboro', of the seventeenth inst., relative to forwarding the business of the session, was sent down from the Senate concurred, with Messrs. Odiorne and Fisher joined to the Committee, on the part of the Senate.

The Speaker appointed the following gentlemen as the Committee of Conference, on the subject matter of difference between the two Houses, on the Report of the Joint Standing Committee on the Governor's Address, viz. :—

Messrs. Ritchie, of Boston,
Putnam, of Fitchburg, and
Jones, of Reading,

on the part of the House.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the Committee on Banks and Banking inquire and report, whether the several banks in the State pay due regard to the law under which they exist, in the amount of the gold and silver coin they keep in their vaults ;

Also, to consider and report whether any legislation is required to compel the several banks in the State to keep a larger amount of gold or silver coin in their vaults than they now do, as a basis for the notes they issue as currency ; also,

Ordered, That the Committee on Fisheries consider the expediency of so amending chapter one hundred and seventy-one, of the Acts of eighteen hundred and fifty-five, relative to the Fisheries in Ipswich River, that the provisions of said Act shall apply only to the taking of alewives in said river ; also,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to cause to be printed for the use of the Legislature, two thousand copies of " An Act to protect the rights and liberties of the People of Massachusetts," passed May twenty-one, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, together with the Governor's objections to said Bill.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the " Bill requiring a new promise of an Insolvent Debtor, after his discharge, to be in writing," was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill in addition to An Act to establish a Police Court in Pittsfield, under a suspension of the Rules, took its several readings and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received from the Auditor of Accounts, covering his Report for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

On motion of Mr. Bliss, of Worcester,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Temple, member from Framingham.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Beal, of Boston, presented the Petition of the North Bank, of Boston, for increase of capital.

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. Batchelder, of Chelsea, presented the Petition of Isaac Stebbins and others, for the annexation of Chelsea to Boston.

Mr. White, of Medway, presented the Remonstrance of Elisha A. Jones and others, against the Petition of Benjamin Rockwood and others.

Severally referred to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. Upham, of Dorchester, presented the Petition of Thomas Payson and others, against the repeal or amendment of chapter two hundred and thirty-two of the Acts of eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Also, The Petition of Adison Farwell and others, of Dorchester, for indemnification for injury and loss of property at Warren Bridge, Charlestown.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Haynes, of Dorchester, presented the Petition of L. Everett and others, for authority to construct a bridge.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Sever, of Boston, presented the Petition of William S. Andrews, for a law making it penal to destroy the will of a person deceased.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Hero, of Milford,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire, whether more legislation is necessary to suppress gambling, and report by Bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Hall, of Cambridge,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire, if any, and what amendments to the three hundred and fourteenth chapter of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, are expedient, relative to jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace, and Justices of Police and Justices' Courts in this Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Deane, of Coleraine,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed, to consider the expediency of repealing the four hundred and sixty-fourth chapter of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, entitled, "An Act concerning Lunatics or Insane Persons."

On motion of Mr. Crossman, of Springfield,

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms cause the removal of so much of the forms in front of seats two hundred and fourteen and one hundred and eighty-three, as will admit of the comfortable egress of the occupants of those seats.

Mr. Devereux, of Salem, offered the following Order:—

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire whether any retrenchment in the ordinary or extraordinary expenses of the Commonwealth be practicable, and to report to the House thereon.

Laid over, under the Rule.

A communication was received from the Treasurer and Receiver-General, relative to the state of the Treasury.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Codman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Tidd, of Stoneham, of the fifteenth instant, relative to Female Convicts, reported “A Bill in addition to An Act in relation to Female Convicts.”

Mr. Lamb, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Petition of W. M. Root and others, reported “A Bill to repeal chapter three hundred, of the Acts of eighteen hundred and fifty-five.”

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of the City Bank, of Worcester, for increase of capital, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

The Petition of Tisdale Drake, for leave to extend his Wharf, in Boston, to the Commissioner's Line, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The Petition of Benjamin Blachford and others, for a Fish Weir in Yarmouth, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

The Petition of Gilman Day and others, for the formation of a new County, was referred to a Joint Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Shaw and Mills, on the part of the Senate; and the Speaker took time to appoint on the part of the House.

The Petition of John W. Work and others, for the formation of a new County from Worcester and Middlesex, with a provision, that the people of the twenty-three towns to compose the new County, shall so decide by a popular vote, was referred to the Joint Special Committee on the Petition of Gilman Day and others.

Severally in concurrence.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the Committee on the Library inquire and report whether any, and if any, what legislation is needed, with regard to the correction and publication of the State Map.

Orders of Notice were issued, in concurrence, on the several Petitions of

William C. Barstow and others, and
Daniel Crowley.

The Report of the Committee on Claims, on the Petition of the Inhabitants of Belchertown, for a portion of the School Fund, recommending the reference of said Petition to the Committee on Education, was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill, to change the name of the Cochituate Fire Insurance Company, of Boston, was read, and ordered to a second reading.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote, whereby the Order of Mr. Titcomb, of Lynnfield, of the twenty-first instant, relative to furnishing public schools with school books, was rejected, was carried, and the Order was adopted, as follows, viz. :—

Ordered, That the Committee on Education consider the expediency of making it obligatory upon every town

and city to furnish the public schools with the necessary school books, at the expense of the same.

Sent up for concurrence.

The "Bill relating to the unlawful use of Private Property," was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The "Bill requiring a new promise of an Insolvent Debtor, after his discharge, to be in writing," was read a third time. Pending the question on its passage to be engrossed, amendments were offered by Messrs. Wilkinson, of Dedham, and Crocker, of Barnstable; when, on motion, the whole subject was laid on the table, and the amendments were ordered to be printed.

The Engrossed "Resolve for the pay of the Legislature and its officers, monthly," (which originated in the House,) was passed, and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Bill, "Continuing the Tremont Insurance Company," (which originated in the House,) passed to be enacted, and was sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Clapp, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Robbins, of Millbury, presented the Petition of the inhabitants of the town of Millbury, for remuneration of expenses incurred in behalf of Alexander McBeth.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of the Dorchester Avenue Railroad Company, for power to construct railways under certain restrictions, was referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals, in concurrence.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the Committee on Prisons, visit the State Prison and all the Jails and Houses of Correction within the Commonwealth, that they may deem necessary or expedient in the performance of their duty, and that no member or members of the Prison Committee shall visit any of the above-named Institutions, at the State's expense, during the recess of the Legislature.

The Committee of Conference on the subject matter of difference between the two Houses, regarding the Report of the Committee on the several subjects in the Governor's Address,

Reported, that "the Senate recede, and accept the amendments which have been adopted by the House."

Accepted.

The Order of Mr. Devereux, of Salem, of the twenty-third instant, was taken up, the question being on its adoption. After debate, on motion of Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield, the Order was laid on the table.

Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Order of Mr. Crossman, of Springfield, of the twenty-third instant, relative to altering seats in the House, was adopted.

The motion was placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Emerson, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. C. O. Rogers, of Boston, presented the Remonstrances of George Rhynos and others, and Charles O. Churchill and others, severally against the Petition of George Marston and others.

Severally referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Mr. Stone, of Charlestown, presented the Petition of Peter Hubbell and others, in aid of the Petition of James O. Curtis and others.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Fenno, of North Chelsea, presented the Petition of David Belcher and others, for the passage of a law to prevent the taking of sand, gravel and ballast, from the beaches in said town.

Mr. Howes, of Dennis, presented the Petition of Zeno Crowell and others, of Dennis, for leave to build a wharf.

Severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. Smith, of Truro, presented the Accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors of the town of Truro, for taking Statistics and Decennial Census.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Fenno, of North Chelsea, presented the Petition of Albert Bisbee and others, that the town of Chelsea may be annexed to Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. Baxter, of Barnstable, presented the Petition of George Lovell and others, to prohibit seining between Succanesset and Point Gammon, in Barnstable.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

On motion of Mr. Poor, of Danvers,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions consider the expediency of the suspension of all proceedings commenced under and by virtue of an Act passed in the last Legislature, entitled, "An Act to establish a Hospital for the Insane in Western Massachusetts."

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Worcester, of Townsend,

Ordered, That the Committee on Probate and Chancery be requested to consider the expediency of repealing chapter three hundred and twenty-two, of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, entitled, "An Act, in addition to the several Acts, for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, and the more equal distribution of their effects," and of providing by law, that there shall be but one Commissioner of Insolvency in each county; that his salary, and that of his Clerk, shall be established by law, and the fees now paid to those officers shall be paid into the State Treasury.

On motion of Mr. Hinds, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider what further legislation is necessary, if any, in relation to the custody and care of draw bridges over navigable waters.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to make inquiry of Luther S. Cushing, State Reporter for the years one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, when the reports of the decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court for those years are to be published, and to report to this House at an early day.

Mr. Cràne, from the Committee on Leave of Absence, reported that leave of absence be granted to Mr. Rockwood, of Southboro', for five days, from the twenty-fourth instant.

Accepted.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the Petition of S. B. Sumner and others, of the fifteenth instant, relative to Savings Banks, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition.

Mr. Lamb, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Petition of Lewis Pennel, of the seventeenth instant, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Fessenden, from the Committee on Towns, on the Order of Mr. Warren, of Brighton, of the fourteenth instant, requiring County Commissioners to furnish blanks to returning officers of towns, reported,

Asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and recommending its reference to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Accepted, sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Fletcher, from the Committee on Elections, to whom was referred the Remonstrance of Joseph Day and

others, against the right of Charles A. Taft to a seat in this House, submitted a detailed Report, relative to said Remonstrance, and the Order of Notice thereon, and concluding by asking the instructions of the House in reference thereto.

On motion of Mr. Vose, of Boston, the remonstrants had leave to withdraw.

Subsequently, Mr. Devereux, of Salem, moved a reconsideration of the foregoing vote, which motion was placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the Petition of the Sturbridge Agricultural Society, reported,

“A Resolve in favor of the Worcester South Agricultural Society.”

The Resolve was read, and recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Meekins, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the Petition of John Bertram and others, reported,

“A Bill to incorporate the Salem Marine Insurance Company.”

Read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Sever, from the Committee on Finance, on the

communication of the Treasurer and Receiver-General, relative to the condition of the Treasury, reported,

“A Resolve, authorizing the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the Revenue,”

And the Rules having been suspended, the Resolve took its several readings, and passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, the Remonstrance of Joseph Day and others, was taken from the files, and recommitted to the Committee on Elections.

On motion of Mr. Freeman, of Orleans, the Report of the Commissioners of Pilots under the Act of 1855, (House Doc. No. 4,) was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, the Bill “Requiring a new promise of an Insolvent Debtor to be in writing,” with the pending amendments, was taken from the table and placed in the Orders of the Day.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of David Campbell and others, for an Act empowering the Lebanon Springs Aqueduct Company to carry water from Hancock Mountain to Lebanon Springs,

Also, The Petition of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Company, concerning a Branch Track in Lowell,

Also, The Memorial of the Danvers Railroad Company concerning the Boston and Maine Railroad,

Were severally referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

The Fourth Annual Report of the Commissioners on Back Bay, was referred to the Joint Special Committee on that part of the Governor's Address relating to Boston Harbor.

The Report of the Commissioners on the Enlargement of the State House, was committed to a Joint Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Bates and Taft of the Senate, and the Committee on Public Buildings, on the part of the House.

Severally in concurrence.

Orders of Notice were issued, in concurrence, on the several Petitions of

Charles H. Gooding and others,
The East Boston Free Bridge,
John Fenno and others,
The Selectmen of West Roxbury, and
Caleb Morton and others.

The Speaker announced the following Joint Special Committees on the Governor's Address, viz. :—

On so much as relates to Districting the State for the choice of Counsellors,

Messrs. Buttrick, of Middlesex,
Carpenter, of Norfolk,
Fisher, of Worcester,
Perkins, of Suffolk, and
Leavitt, of Hampden,
on the part of the Senate, and

Messrs. Fessenden, of West Cambridge,
Morrissy, of Nantucket,
Barrows, of Easton,
Babcock, of Milton,
Hinds, of Boston,
Clapp, of Boston,
Poor, of Danvers,
Coburn, of Dracut,
Robbins, of Millbury,
Case, of Springfield, and
Ford, of Stockbridge,
on the part of the House.

On so much as relates to the Bill "Concerning Spirituous and Intoxicating Liquors,"

Messrs. Lewis, of Middlesex,
Odiorne, of Suffolk,
Brakenridge, of Hampshire,
Taft, of Worcester, and
Osgood, of Essex,
on the part of the Senate, and

Messrs. Burbank, of Boston,
Murdock, of Wareham,
Pollard, of Taunton,
White, of Medway,
Dyer, of Boston,
Baker, of Beverly,
Martyn, of Haverhill,
Herrick, of Billerica,
Temple, of Rutland,
Crossman, of Springfield, and
Meekins, of Williamsburg,

on the part of the House.

On so much as relates to the subject of Alien Paupers,

Messrs. White, of Norfolk, and

Dawley, of Bristol,

on the part of the Senate, and

Messrs. Whitney, of Ashburnham,

Lawrence, of Cambridge,

Godfrey, of Taunton,

Torrey, of Boston, and

Dyer, of Weymouth,

on the part of the House.

On so much as relates to the subject of "Lines in
Boston Harbor,"

Messrs. Shaw, of Nantucket, and

Thacher, of Suffolk,

on the part of the Senate, and

Messrs. Calef, of Boston,

Gaston, of Roxbury,

Thacher, of Yarmouth,

Waters, of Beverly, and

Ashley, of Fall River,

on the part of the House.

On so much as relates to the "Bill concerning the Rights and Liberties of the People of Massachusetts,"

Messrs. Raymond, of Middlesex,

H. C. Brown, of Hampden,

Warner, of Hampshire,

G. W. Warren, of Suffolk, and

Mills, of Berkshire,

on the part of the Senate, and

Messrs. Briggs, of Pittsfield,

Thomas, of New Bedford,

Boyce, of Berkley,

Robinson, of Newburyport,

Pike, of Newton,

Tilton, of Boston,

C. Hale, of Boston,

Jones, of Reading,

Loring, of Marlboro',

Marble, of Charlton, and

Belden, of Hatfield,

on the part of the House.

On so much as relates to the subject of Constitutional Amendments,

Messrs. Peirce, of Norfolk,

Bull, of Middlesex,

Carey, of Essex,

Kenrick, of Barnstable, and

Munroe, of Suffolk,

on the part of the Senate, and

Messrs. Upton, of Berkshire,
Fenno, of Suffolk,
Story, of Essex,
Parker, of Middlesex,
W. Smith, of Worcester,
Shaw, of Hampshire,
Chapin, of Hampden,
Guilford, of Franklin,
Guild, of Norfolk,
Towne, of Bristol,
Standish, of Plymouth,
H. Smith, of Barnstable, and
Hammond, of Dukes and Nantucket,

on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield, the "Bill to repeal the four hundred and eighty-ninth chapter of the Acts of eighteen hundred and fifty-five," was taken from the table, and referred to the Joint Special Committee on the "Bill concerning the Rights and Liberties of the People of Massachusetts."

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Order of Mr. Crossman, of Springfield, of the twenty-third instant, was adopted, was carried, and the Order was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

The House Bills, " In addition to several Acts, to secure a Decennial Census, and Statistical Information,"

" To repeal chapter three hundred of the Acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five,"

" In addition to an Act in relation to Female Convicts," and

The Senate Bill, " To change the name of the Cochituate Fire Insurance Company, of Boston,"

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The House Bill, " relating to the unlawful use of Private Property," was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Weeks, of Lowell,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Conant, member from Scituate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Cole, of Boston, presented the Petition of Donald McKay to extend his wharf.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. Nickerson, of Harwich, presented the Remonstrance of Azias C. Baker and others, against the Petition of Josiah G. Handy and others.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Wheeler, of North Bridgewater, presented the Petition of Eliab Whitman and others, for a Probate Court in the town of North Bridgewater.

Referred to the Committee on Probate and Chancery.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, of Great Barrington,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Militia be directed, to consider the expediency of so amending section ninety-eight, chapter twelve, of the Revised Statutes,

that increased penalties may be imposed upon all non-commissioned officers and privates, holden by law to do military duty, neglecting to appear at the time and place appointed for the three days' annual camp duty now provided for by law.

On motion of Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, the Report of the Land Agent for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, was taken from the table, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Speaker announced the following gentlemen as the Joint Special Committee, on the part of the House, on the Petition of Gilman Day and others, for the formation of a new County, viz.:—

Messrs. Wilkinson, of Dedham,
Smith, of Truro,
Nelson, of Plymouth,
Evans, of Amesbury, and
Rhoades, of Salem.

Mr. Vose, from the Committee on Public Buildings, to whom was referred the Order of Mr. Crossman, of Springfield, of the twenty-third instant, reported, that it was inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Mr. Brayton, from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was committed the Bill entitled, "An Act, in addition to an Act, in relation to Female Convicts," reported,

That said Bill be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to report a new draft, the Bill not being drawn in accordance with the provisions of the fifty-fourth Rule of the House.

Severally accepted.

Mr. Lamb, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Oliver, of South Reading, of the twenty-second instant, relative to the sale of real estate, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Also, Mr. Codman, from the same committee, on the Order of Mr. Hinds, of Boston, of the fifteenth instant, relative to Limited Copartnerships, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Mr. Pike, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred the Petition of Samuel Jenison, Jr., for leave to sell real estate, reported,

An Order of Notice thereon.

Mr. Fletcher, from the Committee on Elections, on the Petition of Warren Lynde and others, of Melrose, reported,

' That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.'

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Briggs, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Petition of C. W. Richards and others, reported,

A Bill "To establish a Police Court in the town of Chicopee."

Mr. Austin, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the Petition of James E. Simpson and others, reported,

"A Bill to incorporate Simpson's Patent Dry Dock Company."

● Mr. Conant, from the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on the Petition of B. F. Thompson and others, reported,

"A Bill to change the name of the South Congregational Society of Woburn."

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Agriculture, to whom was recommitted the "Resolve in favor of the Worcester South Agricultural Society," reported the same in a new draft.

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sever, of Boston, under a suspension of the Rules, the vote whereby the Resolve, "Authorizing the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the Revenue," was passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered.

The Resolve, on motion of the same gentleman, was amended, and again passed to be engrossed, and was sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of Harvey T. Cole and others, of Williamstown, for an Act of incorporation, as the Williamstown Hotel Company, was committed to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Orders of Notice were issued, in concurrence, on the several Petitions of

Edward G. Nickerson, and
Tisdale Drake.

A Bill, in addition to An Act to establish a Police Court in the town of Chicopee, was read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the

motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Committee on Elections were instructed to report leave to withdraw on the Remonstrance of Joseph Day and others, was carried, and the Committee were instructed to report a new Order of Notice on said Remonstrance.

The House Bill requiring a new promise of an Insolvent Debtor, after his discharge, to be in writing, was then taken up, and the amendment offered by Mr. Wilkinson, of Dedham, was adopted. The amendment of Mr. Crocker, of Barnstable, was rejected. And the Bill, as amended, passed to be engrossed and was sent up for concurrence.

The Report, "Leave to withdraw," on the Petition of S. B. Sumner and others, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Report, "Leave to withdraw," on the Petition of Lewis Pennel, was accepted.

The House Bill to incorporate the Salem Marine Insurance Company, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The House Bill "To repeal chapter three hundred of the Acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five," was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and was sent up for concurrence.

The Senate Bill to change the name of the Cochituate

Fire Insurance Company, in Boston, was read a third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Vose, of Boston, it was

Ordered, That when this House adjourn, it be adjourned to Monday next, at twelve o'clock, M.

A message was received from the Senate, by Hon. Mr. Thacher, announcing the election, by that branch, of Augustus Morse, of Leominster, Major-General of the Third Division of the Massachusetts Militia.

On motion of Mr. Vose, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned. ●

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of Saturday was read.

Mr. Waters, of Beverly, presented the Petition of Jonas B. Clark and others, that certain contiguous lands in Salem and Marblehead may be annexed to Swampscott.

Mr. Orcutt, of Chelsea, presented the Petition of Francis Low and others, in aid of the Petition of J. Fenno and others, for the annexation of Chelsea to Boston.

Severally referred to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. Vose, of Boston, presented the Petitions of Nathan Tufts, Jr.,

Also, of A. Hammond and E. R. Sawyer,

Severally for damages done them by the repairing of Warren Bridge.

Severally referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Upham, of Dorchester, presented the Remonstrance of Alpheus Hardy and others, against the repeal or amendment of chapter two hundred and thirty-two, of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. J. W. Rogers, of Boston, presented the Petition of A. A. Frazer and others, to extend for two years the Act to incorporate the Western Avenue Railroad.

Mr. Upton, of Adams, the Remonstrance of S. Nickerson and others, against the Petition of George Marston and others.

Severally referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

On motion of Mr. Orcutt, of Chelsea, the Report of the Agent of the Charles River and Warren Bridges, was taken from the table and committed to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. West, of Pittsfield, offered an Order relative to the repeal of the twenty-eighth chapter of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, which was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Burbank, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to allow the account for the American Almanacs, recently purchased for the use of the House.

On motion of Mr. Orcutt, of Chelsea,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire whether any further legislation is necessary in relation to the assessment and collection of taxes.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, the Petitions of Edward Hinks and W. M. Cornell, were recommitted to the Committee on Elections.

On motion of Mr. Sever, of Boston, Wednesday next, at twelve and one-half o'clock, was specially assigned for the choice, on the part of the House, of a Major-General of the Third Division of the Massachusetts Militia.

On motion of Mr. Weeks, of Lowell, it was

Ordered, 'That when this House adjourns, it be adjourned to eleven o'clock, A. M., to-morrow, and that that be the hour of meeting until otherwise ordered.

Paper from the Senate.

The Petition of the Millbury and Southbridge Railroad Company, for extension of time to complete their Road,

Was committed to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the Bill,

"In addition to several Acts, to secure a Decennial Census and Statistical Information,"

Was read a third time, and laid on the table.

The Reports, "Inexpedient to legislate," on the Order of Mr. Hinds, of Boston, relative to Limited Copartnerships,

And of An Order of Notice, on the Petition of Samuel Jennison, Jr.,

Were severally accepted.

The Report, "Inexpedient to legislate," on the Order of Mr. Oliver, of South Reading, of the twenty-second instant, relative to the sale of real estate,

Was recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Resolve, "in favor of the Worcester South Agricultural Society,"

And Bill, "To change the name of the South Congregational Society of Woburn,"

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill, "to incorporate the Salem Marine Insurance Company,"

Was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and was sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Arnold, of Salem,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Vinson, of Edgartown, presented the Petition of Joseph Bradley and others, for change of time for holding terms of Probate Courts, in certain places in Dukes County.

Mr. Williams, of Boston, the Petition of Edward Blake for authority to sell real estate.

Severally referred to the Committee on Probate and Chancery.

Mr. Farrington, of Wrentham, presented the Petition of the Wrentham Bank for increase of capital.

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. Stone, of Charlestown, presented the Petition of John Gary, for leave to extend his wharf.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, presented the Petitions of Benjamin W. Miller,

Also, of James S. Chase and another, severally for further protection to their oyster beds in Taunton Great River.

Mr. Smith, of Chatham, the Petition of John and George Taylor, for a fish weir.

Severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Dyer, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing for the appointment of an Assistant Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Suffolk.

On motion of Mr. Haynes, of Dorchester,

Ordered, That the Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Commissioners on the Enlargement of the State House, consider and report whether the public interest requires that said Board of Commissioners should be continued.

On motion of Mr. Upton, of Adams,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to consider the expediency of reporting a Bill, increasing the pay of County Commissioners.

Mr. Fletcher, from the Committee on Elections, reported a new Order of Notice, and the Remonstrance of Joseph Day and others.

Accepted.

Mr. Gould, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to whom was committed the Petition of the Haverhill Mutual Fire Insurance Company, reported a Bill,

“To continue in force an Act to incorporate the Haverhill Mutual Fire Insurance Company.”

Mr. Devereux, of Salem, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Order of the seventeenth instant, relative to the salaries of the Judges of the Courts of this Commonwealth, reported a Bill,

“To establish the Salaries of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court.”

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Stoddard, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Order of the eleventh instant, relative to Trial by Jury before Justices of the Peace, reported a Bill,

“ Relating to Trial by Jury before Justices of the Peace and Justices of the Police Courts.”

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crossman, of Springfield, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Order offered by Mr. West, of Pittsfield, yesterday, relative to the repeal of the twenty-eighth chapter of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, was rejected.

Motion placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, of Ashburnham, the Bill,

“ In addition to several Acts, to secure a Decennial Census, and Statistical Information,”

Was taken from the table, the question being on its passage to be engrossed. Amendments offered by Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Emerson, of Boston, were adopted, and pending the question on a motion offered by Mr. Dyer, of Boston, to reconsider the vote whereby the amendment offered by Mr. Whitney was adopted, the whole subject was, on motion, recommitted to the Committee on Claims.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of T. F. Caldicott and others, for aid in behalf of the Ladies' Collegiate Institute,

Was committed to the Committee on Education.

The Petition of the Hampshire Mutual Fire Insurance Company for renewal of charter,

And the Petition of Albert Fearing and others, for incorporation as the Warren Salt Company,

Were severally committed to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Severally in concurrence.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the Committee on Banks and Banking inquire if any further legislation is necessary to provide for a more equitable distribution of profits, among all depositors of savings banks.

Also, That the Committee on Manufactures inquire and report what amendments, if any, are necessary, to section twenty-two of chapter thirty-eight of the Revised Statutes, requiring companies organized under said law to publish an annual statement of their affairs.

A Bill (on the Petition of William B. Calhoun and others,)

“To incorporate the Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company,” was read, and ordered to a second reading.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the Report, “Leave to withdraw,” on the Petition of Warren Lynde and others, of Melrose, was accepted.

The Bill, “To establish a Police Court in the town of Holyoke,”

Was recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Resolve, “In favor of the Worcester South Agricultural Society,”

And Bill “To change the name of the South Congregational Society in Woburn,” and for other purposes, (as amended in the title,) were severally read a third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

The Engrossed Bill, “In addition to an Act to establish a Police Court in the town of Pittsfield,

(Which originated in the House,) and

“To change the name of the Cochituate Fire Insurance Company, of Boston,” (which originated in the Senate,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Brooks, of Worcester,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Crossman, of Springfield, presented the Petition of William Pomeroy and others, to prevent the destruction of shad in Connecticut River.

Also, that the time for taking shad in the Connecticut River be extended.

Severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Mr. Batchelder, of Chelsea, presented the Petition of John G. Low and others, in aid of the Petition of J. Fenno and others.

Referred to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. Milliken, of New Bedford, presented the Petition of H. F. Thomas and others, to be incorporated as the Pacific Mutual Marine Insurance Company, in New Bedford.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. Manning, of Chelmsford, presented the Petition of Sewall Parkhurst and others, of Chelmsford, in aid of that of Ambrose Lawrence and others.

Referred to the Joint Special Committee on that subject.

Mr. Upham, of Dorchester, presented the Remonstrance of Jeremiah Williams and others, of Boston, against the repeal or alteration of the law relative to the sale of grain and meal by weight.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on Manufactures be instructed to examine into the expediency of so amending an Act, entitled, An Act concerning Manufacturing Corporations, passed by the Legislature of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, (Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, chapter two hundred and ninety,) as to authorize said Corporations to issue bonds with the special stock by said Act authorized, or separately, as most convenient. Also, of limiting the amount of their debts by a personal liability in certain cases, and to report by Bill or otherwise.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Warner, of Brighton, offered an Order relative to the Petition of George Adams and others, which was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Hawkes, of Adams,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire, whether further legislation be expedient, to give to the Selectmen of Towns, and the Mayors and Aldermen of Cities, the power to prohibit such sports in the public highways and streets, as endanger the life and limbs of travellers.

On motion of Mr. Holbrook, of Weymouth,

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House furnish the Reporters with necessary stationery during the present session.

On motion of Mr. Haynes, of Dorchester,

Ordered, That the State Auditor be requested to furnish the House with a statement of all expenditures made from the appropriations for the Enlargement of the State House, specifying the amounts paid on contracts or otherwise; also, the amount paid on commission, by whom received, and for what purpose.

Mr. Stoddard, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Petition of Kinnicutt & Co. and others, reported,

That the same be referred to the Committee on Probate and Chancery.

Accepted.

The Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred the Order of January twenty-first, relative to the Fisheries in Ipswich River, reported a Bill

“ To protect the Fisheries in Ipswich River.”

Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Codman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was recommitted the Bill

“ In addition to an Act in relation to Female Convicts,”

Reported the same in a new draft, which was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and was sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston, the “ Report of the Commissioners appointed under the Act of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, for the erection of a Third Hospital for the Insane,” was taken from the table and committed to the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of the Beaman Manufacturing Company, for increase of capital,

Was committed to the Committee on Manufactures.

The Petition of the Lynn Mutual Fire Insurance Company for a renewal of their charter,

Was committed to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Orders of Notice were issued, in concurrence, on the several Petitions of

Parker Burnham and others,

The Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Co.,

John Pew,

Daniel Cragin, and

A. J. Richmond and others.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth be instructed to prepare and furnish, for the use of the Legislature, a statement of the population of each city and town in the Commonwealth, arranged in the order of the Congressional Districts, and also a like statement arranged in the order of the Counties of this Commonwealth; also, the population of the City of Boston, arranged by wards, each statement of population to be as ascertained by the last State Census.

Also, that the Committee on Banks and Banking be instructed to consider the expediency of providing by law, that all banks within the Commonwealth shall keep in the vaults of their Banking Houses, an amount of specie not less than ten per cent. of their capital stock actually paid in, or of the amount of their circulation.

Bills, "To prevent the evasion of the laws for the suppression of lotteries," and

"In addition to an Act concerning the duties and rights of Jurors,"

Were severally read, and committed to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bills, "To change the name of the American Lead Works," and

"Authorizing an increase of the capital stock of the Lawrence Gas Company,"

Were severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House, on Monday, rejected the Order offered by Mr. West, of Pittsfield, was carried, and the Order was adopted.

The Bill, "To incorporate Simpson's Patent Dry Dock Company,"

Was read a second time, and pending the question on ordering it to a third reading, on motion of Mr. Sever, of Boston, the Bill was laid on the table.

The Bills, "To continue in force an Act to incorporate the Haverhill Mutual Fire Insurance Company," and

"To incorporate the Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company,"

Were severally read a second time, and were ordered to a third reading.

The Bill, "To establish the salaries of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court,"

Was then read a second time, and pending the question on ordering the Bill to a third reading, on motion of Mr. Weeks, of Lowell, the Yeas and Nays were ordered, and the roll having been called, it appeared that the Bill was ordered to a third reading. Yeas, two hundred and thirty-six; Nays, forty-two. [See Appendix, Number One.]

Pursuant to assignment, the House proceeded to the election of a Major General of the Third Division of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia.

Messrs. Dyer, of Boston,
Worcester, of Townsend,
Carson, of Dalton,
Hartwell, of Oxford, and
Stebbins, of Deerfield,

were appointed a Committee to collect, sort and count the votes, who attended to that duty and reported that

AUGUSTUS MORSE, of Leominster,
was elected, and the Clerk was charged with a message to the Senate to inform them thereof.

On motion of Mr. Holbrook, of Weymouth,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Boyce, of Berkley, presented the Petition of Levi L. Crane, in aid of that of Charles H. Gooding and others, for leave to build a bridge across Taunton River.

Mr. Stone, of Charlestown, the Petition of Peter Hubbell and others, of Charlestown, for an alteration of an Act of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, establishing tolls on Charles River and Warren Bridges.

Severally referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Pollard, of Taunton, presented the Petition of the Taunton Bank for increase of capital.

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. Taggart, of Haverhill, presented the Petition of E. J. Sawins and others, of Haverhill and Bradford, for an Act of incorporation as a Library Association.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Thayer, of Boston, presented the Petition of the State Lunatic Hospitals, for a more just and equal compensation for the support of State Lunatic Paupers.

Referred to the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Mr. Robinson, of Charlestown, presented the Petition of William F. Veazie, for relief.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Robinson, of Lexington, presented the Petition of the Lexington and West Cambridge Railroad Company, for permission to extend their road.

Referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

On motion of Mr. Jacobs, of Wellfleet,

Ordered, That the Committee on Fisheries be instructed to inquire if any alteration is necessary in relation to the responsibilities of the General Inspector of pickled fish, or his deputies, after leaving the Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Emerson, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on Roads and Bridges consider and report, whether the Commissioners, appointed

under the Act levying tolls on Charles River and Warren Bridges, should be further continued.

Mr. Taggart, of Haverhill, from the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the Sheriffs' Returns, reported, asking to be discharged, and recommending that the Returns be laid on the table and printed.

Accepted.

Mr. Conant, from the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, reported an Order of Notice on the Petition of the Wardens of the Trinity Church, of Bridgewater.

Accepted.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Temple, from the Committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred the Petition of the Selectmen of Medford, for extension of time for constructing a highway across Mystic River, in the town of Medford, reported a Bill,

"To extend the time for constructing a highway across Mystic River."

Read, and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of the Hampshire and Hampden Railroad Company, for extension of time for constructing their road, and also for filing the location thereof,

Was committed to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

The Petition of Marshall P. Wilder and others, for authority as Trustees to hold and apply funds for the promotion of Agriculture.

Was committed to the Committee on Agriculture.

Severally in concurrence.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the Secretary give notice to the Governor, that the two branches of the Legislature have made choice of Brigadier-General Augustus Morse, to be Major-General of the Third Division of the Militia of the Commonwealth.

Also, that the time for the last publication of the Order of Notice, on the Petition of George Marston and others, be extended to three days, before the twentieth day of February next.

Also, that the time for the return of the Order of Notice, on the Petition of the East Boston Free Bridge Company, be extended to three days, before February thirteen, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

Orders of Notice were issued, in concurrence, on the several Petitions of

Edward W. Howland and others,
John W. Work and others, and
Gilman Day and others.

A Bill (on the Petition of J. D. W. Joy and others,)

"To incorporate the Universalist Sabbath School Union," was read and ordered to a second reading.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and Bills

"To protect the Fisheries in Ipswich River,"

"To change the name of the American Lead Works,"

"Authorizing an increase of the capital stock of the Lawrence Gas Company,"

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Bills "To continue in force an Act to incorporate the Haverhill Mutual Fire Insurance Company,"

"To establish the salaries of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court," and

"To incorporate the Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company,"

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed, the first two, sent up for concurrence, and the last, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Sever, of Boston, the Bill "To incorporate Simpson's Patent Dry Dock Company,"

Was taken from the table, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading.

An amendment offered by Mr. Sever was adopted, and the Bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

A Message was received from the Governor, by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, covering the Report of the Commissioners for the State Reform School for Girls,

And a communication from the Governor of Vermont, relative to Kansas.

Severally laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Vose, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

Met **a**ccording to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The **J**ournal of yesterday was read.

Mr. **J**ohnson, of Lynn, presented the Petition of John N. Swazey, for leave to extend his wharf.

Mr. **P**ike, of Newton, the Petition of John P. Jewett and others, for an Act of incorporation, as the American Stereotype Company.

Mr. Vinson, of Edgartown, the Petition of Shaw Norris, for leave to construct a wharf on the east side of Holmes Hole, in Edgartown Harbor.

Severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. Stone, of Charlestown, presented the Petition of the Mayor of Charlestown, in behalf of the City Council, for a reduction of the funds to be raised on the Charles River and Warren Bridges.

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r. Boyce, of Berkley, the Petition of the Commissioners of the County of Bristol, in aid of the Petition of Charles H. Gooding and others.

verally referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

r. Taggart, of Haverhill, presented the Petition of Charles Corliss and associates, for an Act of incorporation to aid them in the erection of a monument to the memory of Mrs. Hannah Dunston.

referred to the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

r. Hall, of Cambridge, presented the Remonstrance of James Hill and others, against the Petition of Cambridge Water Works.

referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

verally sent up for concurrence.

on motion of Mr. Brooks, of Worcester,

ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire what further legislation, if any, is necessary, to enable owners of real estate, not lying on any public way, to obtain access thereto.

On motion of Mr. Stone, of Charlestown,

Ordered, That the State Auditor be requested to communicate to the House the total amount that has been paid to the Commissioners on the Charles River and Warren Bridges, the time when said Commissioners were appointed, and to which they have been paid, and the amount each has received.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the Petition of E. W. Gardner and others, reported a Bill,

“To incorporate the Nantucket County Agricultural Society.”

Read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, the communication from the Governor of Vermont, relative to Kansas, was taken from the table and read; and on motion of Mr. J. W. Rogers, of Boston, the communication was again laid on the table.

Papers from the Senate.

The Report of the Adjutant-General was committed to the Committee on the Militia, in concurrence

Ordered, in concurrence, That the Joint Special Com-

ittee, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's address as relates to intemperance, consider the expediency of amending or repealing chapter four hundred and twenty, of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, entitled, "An Act concerning the purchase of spirituous or Intoxicating Liquors, for Town Agents," and report by Bill or otherwise.

Also, that the Committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of restoring the compensation of the Bank Commissioners, to the amount fixed by chapter fourteen, of the Acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, providing for the appointment of Bank Commissioners.

Also, that the Petitions of the Boston and New York Central Railroad, and the Cambridge Water Works, be taken from the files, and recommitted to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the bills,

"To extend the time for constructing a highway across Mystic River," and

"To incorporate the Universalist Sabbath School Union,"

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Bills, "To protect the Fisheries in Ipswich River,"

"To incorporate Simpson's Patent Dry Dock Company," (as amended)

"To change the name of the American Lead Works,"
and

"Authorizing an increase of the capital stock of the Lawrence Gas Company,"

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed; the first two sent up for concurrence, and the last two in concurrence.

The Engrossed Resolve, "Authorizing the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the Revenue,"

(Which originated in the House) was passed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Clapp, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Johnson, of Provincetown, presented the Petition of Francis Small, for leave to build and maintain a wharf in Provincetown.

Mr. Johnson, of Lynn, the Petition of James N. Buffum and others, in aid of the Petition of John N. Swazey.

Mr. Burbank, of Boston, the Petition of Charles Leighton and others, for an Act of incorporation as a Fire Insurance Company, by the name of the Mechanics' and Builders' Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. Tenney, of Groveland, presented the Petition of N. H. Griffith and others, in aid of the Petition of William H. Carlton and others.

Mr. Jones, of Reading, the Petition of Edwin R. Warren and others, to set off a part of the town of Stoneham to South Reading.

Severally referred to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. Loring, of Marlboro', presented the Petition of the selectmen of the town of Berlin, that they may receive their share of the Common School Fund for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Taggart, of Haverhill, presented the Petition of the Boston and Maine Railroad for leave to re-locate part of their road.

Referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Mr. Stone, of Charlestown, presented the Petition of R. Thompson and others, citizens of Charlestown, for reduction of the funds required to be raised on the Charles River and Warren Bridges.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Littlefield, of Foxboro',

Ordered, That the Committee to whom was referred much of the Governor's Address as relates to the Personal Liberty Bill of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, inquire into the expediency of requesting the opinion of the Judges of the Supreme Court on the constitutionality of said Act.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending the ninety-first chapter of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, as to include within its provisions the twenty-second day of February, and that said committee report to this House forthwith.

On motion of Mr. Hills, of Cambridge,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed, to consider the expediency of abolishing the law of one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, chapter two hundred and twenty-three, which relates to the confinement of Idiots and Insane Persons, and report, by Bill or otherwise, what further legislation, if any, is necessary thereon.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of further legislation on the subject of Guardians and Wards, and report, by Bill or otherwise.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, covering the estimate of Taxes of the several Counties for the present year.

Committed to the Committee on County Estimates.

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Mr. Stoddard, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was recommitted the Bill, "respecting the custody of minor Children, whose parents are living separate,"

reported that the Bill ought to pass as originally introduced.

placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Briggs, from the same committee, to which was committed the Senate Bill, "in addition to an Act to establish a Police Court in the town of Chicopee,"

reported that said Bill ought to pass—and the Bill was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Devereux, from the same committee, to which was committed the Senate Bill, "in addition to an Act concerning the Duties and Rights of Jurors,"

reported that said Bill ought not to pass.

placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion, the Bill, "relating to Trials by Jury before Justices of the Peace, and Justices of the Police Courts,"

was taken from the table, and placed in the Orders of the Day for Monday.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of Abraham Chase and others, to be set off from Grafton and Sutton, and incorporated into a Town by the name of Riverton,

Was committed to the Committee on Towns.

The Petition of D. Nye and others, requiring the Cape Cod Railroad Company to construct a draw in the bridge at Wareham, (taken from the files of last year,)

Was committed to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Orders Notice of were issued on the Petitions of

The Directors of the Dorchester Avenue Railroad Company, and

W. N. Ellis and others.

Severally in concurrence.

A communication from the Secretary, relative to the Personal Liberty Bill, was read and returned.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the Committee on Education be authorized to visit, during the session of the Legislature, the several Normal Schools, which have applied, or may apply, for appropriations of money.

Also, that the Joint Standing Committee on Public Charitable Institutions be directed to consider the expediency of altering or amending the first section of the forty-eighth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, of Lexington,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it stand adjourned to twelve o'clock M, on Monday next.

A message was received from the Senate by Honorable D. Warren, proposing a Convention of the two branches on the twenty-second instant, for the purpose of celebrating, in a certain manner stated by the Honorable Senator, the birth-day of George Washington.

Mr. Austin, of Boston, moved that the House non-concur in the proposition of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Littlefield, of Foxboro', the motion of Mr. Austin was laid on the table.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the Bill,

"To incorporate the Nantucket County Agricultural Society,"

Was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Bills, "To extend the time for constructing a highway across Mystic River," and

"To incorporate the Universalist Sabbath School Union,"

Were severally read a third time, and passed to be engrossed ; the first sent up for concurrence, and the last in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Brayton, of Fall River,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of Saturday was read.

Mr. Vinson, of Edgartown, presented the Petition of Frederick Dwight and others, of Agawam Parish; also, the Petition of S. B. Day and others, of West Springfield, in aid of the Petition of A. H. Wheeler and others.

Mr. Fenno, of North Chelsea, the Petition of H. R. Coburn and others, in aid of the Petition of J. Fenno and others, for annexation of Chelsea to Boston.

Mr. Southworth, of Franklin, presented the Remonstrance of G. W. Mason and others, of Franklin, against the Petition of B. Rockwood and others.

Severally referred to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. Hall, of Boston, presented the Petition of Joshua Bates and another, for leave to extend their wharves in East Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. Tilton, of Boston, presented the Remonstrance of M. C. Renney and others, against the Petition of the Cambridge Water Works.

Referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Titcomb, of Lynnfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to consider the expediency of amending section nineteen of chapter three hundred and twenty-seven, of the Statutes of the Commonwealth, approved May twenty-four, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, so that the *amount* and the *time* shall be increased, in which the creditor whose claim against an insolvent debtor or corporation is for labor performed, is secured.

A communication was received from the Auditor, transmitting, in compliance with the Order of January thirtieth, a full statement covering all the expenditures made from the appropriations for the enlargement of the State House, which have been paid, to the present date.

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petitions of Edward Denney and others for extension of time for constructing the Barre and North Brookfield Railroad, and

Daniel P. Wise and others, to be incorporated under the name of the Malden Railway Company,

Were severally referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals, in concurrence.

An Order of Notice was issued on the Petition of Jonas B. Clark and others, of Salem, in concurrence.

Ordered, in concurrence, that the Petitions of

Benj. Rockwood and others,

E. A. Richards and others,

A. H. Wheeler and others,

M. Haskins and others,

M. Hooper and others,

J. Hittinger and others,

W. H. Carleton and others,

A. H. Fillebrown and others,

Caleb Morton and others,

John Fenno and others,

J. W. Converse and others, and

Selectmen of West Roxbury,

be taken from the files, and recommitted to the Committee on Towns.

Bills, "To repeal chapter two hundred and thirty-eight of the Acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, being an Act to regulate the assignment and distribution of the property of Insolvent Debtors;" and

"Relating to the unlawful use of private property,"
(Senate, new draft,)

Were severally read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Freeman, of Orleans,

Ordered, That when this House adjourns, it be adjourned to eleven o'clock, A. M., to-morrow, and that that be the hour of meeting until otherwise ordered.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the Bill, "Relating to trials by Juries before Justices of the Peace and Justices of the Police Courts,"

Was read a third time, amended on motion of Mr. Knight, of Marblehead, and laid on the table.

The Senate Bill, "In addition to an Act to establish a Police Court in the town of Chicopee,"

Was read a third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Report of the Judiciary Committee, on the Senate Bill, "In addition to an Act concerning the duties and rights of Jurors," that the same ought *not* to pass, was then taken up, the question being on the rejection of said Bill; and pending that question, the Bill was specially assigned for consideration on Tuesday, February twelve, at twelve o'clock, M.

The Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill, "Respecting the custody of Minor Children," ought to pass, was accepted, and the Bill was read a third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill, "To incorporate the Nantucket County Agricultural Society," was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Engrossed Bills,

"Authorizing an increase of the capital stock of the Lawrence Gas Company,"

"To change the name of the American Lead Works,"

"To incorporate the Universalist Sabbath School Union," (which severally originated in the Senate,) and

"To incorporate the Salem Marine Insurance Company," (which originated in the House,)

Were severally passed to be enacted and were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Hall, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Thomas, of New Bedford, presented the Petition of W. H. Taylor and others, of New Bedford, relative to the assessment of damages in laying out of streets.

Mr. Usher, of Lynn, the Petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Lynn, to confirm the doings of the Assessors of Taxes for one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

Mr. Estes, of Ipswich, the Petition of Daniel Cogswell and others, of Ipswich, for the right of Humphrey Lakeman to hold certain clam flats in said town.

Also, the Remonstrance of William Treadwell and others, of the town of Ipswich, against the Petition of Daniel Cogswell and others.

Severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Austin, of Boston, presented the Petition of Edward Howard and others, to be incorporated as the Boston Watch Company.

Mr. Phillips, of Danvers, the Petition of Henry Cook and others, for renewal of charter of the Danvers Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. Murdock, of Wareham, presented the Petition of J. E. Thayer, Brother, and others, of Boston, in aid of the Petition of George Marston and others.

Mr. Fessenden, of West Cambridge, the Remonstrance of George Stearns and others, against the Petition of the Cambridge Water Works.

Severally referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Mr. Curtis, of South Scituate, presented the Petition of Horace Collamore and others, of Pembroke, for alteration of the laws in relation to Alewife Fishery in North River.

Mr. Lewis, of Fairhaven, the Remonstrance of Wilson,

Pope, and others, of Fairhaven, against the Petition of Edward W. Howland and others, of New Bedford.

Severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Mr. Shepard presented the Petition of the Malden and Melrose Gas Light Company, for leave to extend their pipes to Medford.

Referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Stone, of Charlestown, presented the Petition of Charles Thompson and others, for a reduction of the fund required to be raised on Charles River and Warren Bridges.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Bliss, of Worcester, presented the Petition of D. G. McVey and others, for the establishment of Houses of Industry for the unfortunate and destitute.

Referred to the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Mr. Abercrombie, of Quincy, presented the Pétition of the Mount Wollaston Bank for increase of capital.

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. Thaxter, of Watertown, presented the Remonstrance of William May and others, of Watertown, against the Petition of Jacob Hittinger and others, for a division of said town.

Referred to the Committee on Towns.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Vose, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of repealing all laws relating to Usury, and report thereon.

On motion of Mr. Potter, of Dartmouth,

Ordered, That the Committee on Railways and Canals be instructed to consider the expediency, as to whether any further legislation is necessary to keep brakemen constantly at their posts during the time the train is in motion.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Stoddard, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Order to amend the forty-ninth chapter of the Revised Statutes, reported

“A Bill, amending the forty-ninth chapter of the Revised Statutes, respecting the manner of sureties surrendering their principals in bail bonds.”

Mr. Story, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Order in relation to the twenty-second day of February, reported

“A Bill, in addition to the Acts relating to days of grace on commercial paper, in certain cases.”

Mr. Conant, from the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, to whom was referred the Petition of Robert Skerry and others, Committee of the Second Baptist Society in Salem, reported

“A Bill, to change the corporate name of the Second Baptist Society in Salem, and also the time of their annual meeting.”

Mr. Temple, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred the Petition of Paul P. Todd and others, for a Library Association in the town of Blackstone, reported

“A Bill to incorporate the Blackstone Athenæum.”

Mr. Dyer, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was recommitted the Bill “in addition to several Acts to secure a decennial census and statistical information,” reported the same in a new draft.

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sever, of Boston, the Report of the Treasurer and Receiver-General for one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, was taken from the table, and committed to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston, the Report of the Superintendent of Alien Passengers was taken from the table, and committed to the Joint Special Committee on so much of the Governor's Address as relates to that subject.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of William H. Austin and others, in favor of the suppression of small bills, was committed to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

The Remonstrance of Lyman Whitman, against the Petition of A. H. Wheeler and others, was committed to the Committee on Towns.

Severally in concurrence.

The House Bill, "To change the name of the South Congregational Society of Woburn,"

Came down from the Senate with the title amended as follows, viz. :—" Bill to change the name of the South Congregational Society of Woburn, and authorize it to hold property."

The House concurred in the amendment.

On motion of Mr. Weeks, of Lowell,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Upham, of Dorchester, presented the Petition of Marshall P. Wilder and others, for a law for the suppression of bank bills under five dollars.

Mr. Baxter, of Quincy, the Petition of the Quincy Stone Bank, for increase of capital.

Mr. Case, of Springfield, the Petition of the Stockholders of the Pyncheon Bank, for increase of capital.

Severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. Phelps, of Springfield, presented the Petition of James M. Blanchard and others, for an Act of incorporation, for the purpose of constructing a railroad from Connecticut State Line to Springfield.

Mr. Murdock, of Wareham, the Petition of Thomas G. Jewett and others, in aid of the Petition of George Marston and others.

Mr. Vinson, of Edgartown, the Remonstrance of Thomas Bradley and others, against the Petition of George Marston and others.

Severally referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Mr. Strickland, of Sandisfield, presented the Petition of Samuel C. Parsons, in relation to Town and County Line.

Mr. Southworth, of Franklin, the Remonstrance of Otis Wales and others; and

Mr. Wilkinson, of Dedham, the Remonstrance of Charles C. Sewall and others, severally against the Petition of Benjamin Rockwood and others.

Severally referred to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. Hinds, of Boston, presented the Petition of the United States Chemical Manufacturing Company, for change of location.

Referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Vose, of Boston, presented the Petition of G. D. Evans and others, in aid of the Petition of P. Hubbell and others, in relation to Charles River and Warren Bridges.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Also, the Petition of John C. Cluer, for the repeal of the twenty-third section of the two hundred and fifteenth chapter of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

Referred to the Committee on so much of the Governor's Address as relates to Intemperance.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Bliss, of Worcester, presented the Petition of John B. Dexter, Jr., for increase of salary as Police Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Fessenden, of West Cambridge,

Ordered, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing or amending chapter twelve, of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, entitled "An Act relating to the obtaining of Property by False Pretences."

On motion of Mr. Hildreth, of Lowell,

Ordered, That the Committee on Manufactures be instructed to inquire what further legislation, if any, is necessary, in relation to Stationary Steam Engines.

On motion of Mr. Brayton, of Fall River,

Ordered, That the Committee to whom was referred so much of the Governor's Address as relates to providing by general law for the election of County Officers, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by general law for the election of the Clerks of the several Police Courts in this Commonwealth.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Devereux, of Salem,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be, and hereby are, empowered to send for persons and papers

in the matter of an Order concerning the Reports of the Decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court.

On motion of Mr. Adams, of New Marlboro',

Ordered, That a Special Committee of Five be appointed to audit the accounts of the Assessors of the several towns and cities of this Commonwealth, as provided by the fourth section of an Act passed the twenty-first day of May, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, entitled "An Act to obtain statistical information relating to certain branches of industry."

On motion of Mr. Dyer, of Boston,

Ordered, That the use of the Representatives' Hall be granted to the Joint Special Committee appointed to consider so much of the Governor's Address as relates to the subject of intemperance, on Thursday afternoon, at three o'clock, for the purpose of giving a public hearing to any and all persons who may desire to be heard on that subject.

Mr. Crane, from the Committee on Leave of Absence, reported that leave of absence be granted to the members of this House, representing such towns in this Commonwealth as hold their annual town meetings in the month of February, for three days, commencing the Saturday previous to the day on which said meetings are held.

Mr. Fletcher, from the Committee on Elections, to whom was referred the Petitions of William M. Bickford and others, Edward Lamb and others, and John B. Dexter and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate Bill,

“To prevent the evasion of the laws for the suppression of Lotteries, reported,

That the same ought to pass; and said Bill was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Codman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Order of the fifth of January, relative to over issues of stock, reported a Bill,

“To punish frauds of officers of Corporations.”

Also, on the Order of January twenty-ninth, relative to the appointment of an Assistant Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Suffolk, a Bill,

“To establish the office of Assistant Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Suffolk.”

Also, on the Order of January eleventh, relative to permitting parties in civil actions to testify in their own causes, a Bill,

“To enable parties in civil actions to be witnesses therein.”

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of the Lebanon Springs Railroad Company, for extension of time for building said road, and

The Remonstrance of the Boston and Maine Railroad Company, against the Memorial of the Danvers Railroad Company,

Were severally committed to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

The Petition of S. Hooper and others, in favor of the suppression of small bills,

Was committed to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

A "Resolve in favor of the Astor Library,"

Was committed to the Committee on the Library.

Severally in concurrence.

Ordered, in concurrence, that the Petitions of

E. G. Nickerson,

Tisdale Drake,

Daniel Cragin,

John Pew,

Parker Burnham and others,

W. C. Barstow,

Daniel Crowley, and

The Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Company, be severally recommitted to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Orders of Notice were issued, in concurrence, on the several Petitions of

J. H. Pearson and others,

David Campbell and others,

Edwin R. Warren and others,

The Boston and Lowell Railroad Co.,

The Lexington and West Cambridge Railroad Co.,

Donald McKay,

David Belcher and others, and

Abraham Chase and others.

Bills, "To continue in force an Act to incorporate the Lynn Mutual Fire Insurance Company," and

"To authorize the Beaman Manufacturing Company to increase their capital stock,"

Were severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

A Message was received from the Governor by the Secretary, transmitting the Nineteenth Annual Report of the Board of Education, together with the Nineteenth Annual Report of the Secretary of said Board.

Committed to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the Bill,

"In addition to the Acts relating to days of grace on commercial paper, in certain cases," was indefinitely postponed.

Bills, "To change the name of the Second Baptist Church, in Salem,"

"To incorporate the Blackstone Athenæum," and

"Amending the forty-ninth chapter of the Revised Statutes, respecting the manner of sureties surrendering their principals in bail bonds,"

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Pike, of Newton, the Bill, "Relating to trials by jury before Justices of the Peace and Justices of the Police Courts,"

Was taken from the table and read a second time.

An amendment offered by Mr. Pike, was adopted, and pending the question on a motion to recommit the Bill, made by Mr. Hinds, of Boston, on motion of Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield, the Bill was specially assigned for consideration to-morrow, at twelve o'clock, M.

Mr. Austin, of Boston, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Bill, "In addition to the Acts relating to days of grace on commercial paper, in certain cases," was indefinitely postponed.

Motion placed in the Orders of the Day for to-morrow.

The engrossed Resolve, "In favor of the Worcester South Agricultural Society," was passed,

And Bills, "To establish the salaries of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court,"

"To continue in force an Act to incorporate the Haverhill Mutual Fire Insurance Company,"

"To change the name of the South Congregational Society of Woburn, and authorize it to hold property,"

(All of which originated in the House,) and

"To incorporate the Home Mutual Insurance Company,"

(Which originated in the Senate,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, of Lexington,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Temple, member from Framingham.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Gould, of Falmouth, presented the Petition of Alexander Clark, for a Resolve authorizing sale of real estate.

Referred to the Committee on Probate and Chancery.

Mr. Gay, of Sharon, presented the Petition of Joel Pettee and others, of Sharon, for an Act to enable Town Treasurers to cancel and take up their bonds.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Murdock, of Wareham, presented the Petition of J. B. Tobey and others, and

Mr. Howes, of Dennis, the Petition of James S. Howes and others, severally in aid of the Petition of George Marston and others.

Mr. Phelps, of Springfield, the Petition of the Amherst and Belchertown Railroad, for extension of time to complete their road.

Mr. Robinson, of Charlestown, the Petition of Asa Fisk and others, in reference to railroad crossings.

Severally referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Mr. Parsons, of Northampton, presented the Petition of Charles Smith and others, for an Act of incorporation under the name of the Northampton Dike Company.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, presented the Petition of Jonas W. Clark and others, for a charter to form a military company.

Referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Mr. Lunt, of Newbury, presented the Petition of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Newbury, for allowance from the Commonwealth for amount expended in relief of John W. Randall.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Fessenden, of West Cambridge, presented the Remonstrance of James Russell and others, against the Petition of Jacob Hittinger and others.

Referred to the Committee on Towns.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was committed an Order of January twenty-eighth, relating to the increase of pay of County Commissioners, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Accepted.

Mr. Taft, from the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred the Petition of Joseph B. Parker and others, reported, a Bill

“To incorporate the Clinton Steam-Power Company.”

Read and ordered to a second reading.

A Message was received from the Senate, by Hon. Mr. Mills, proposing a Convention of the two branches on Wednesday next, February thirteenth, at twelve o'clock, M., for the purpose of choosing two Directors of the Western Railroad, on the part of the Commonwealth.

A Message was received from the Governor, by the Secretary, transmitting the Annual Report of the Commissioners of Alien Passengers.

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lawrence, of Cambridge, was excused from serving on the Committee on so much of the Governor's Address as relates to Alien Passengers, and Mr. Worcester, of Townsend, was appointed in his place.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of the Young Men's Library Association of Worcester, for change of name,

Was committed to the Committee on Education.

The Petition of B. P. Adams, and others, of Topsfield, for protection to the Fisheries in Ipswich River, in the town of Topsfield,

Was committed to the Committee on Fisheries.

The Memorial of Gardner, Colby and Company, in aid of the Petition of the Webster Bank for increase of capital,

Was committed to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Severally in concurrence.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House, on Wednesday, indefinitely postponed the Bill "In addition to the Acts relating to Days of Grace on commercial paper."

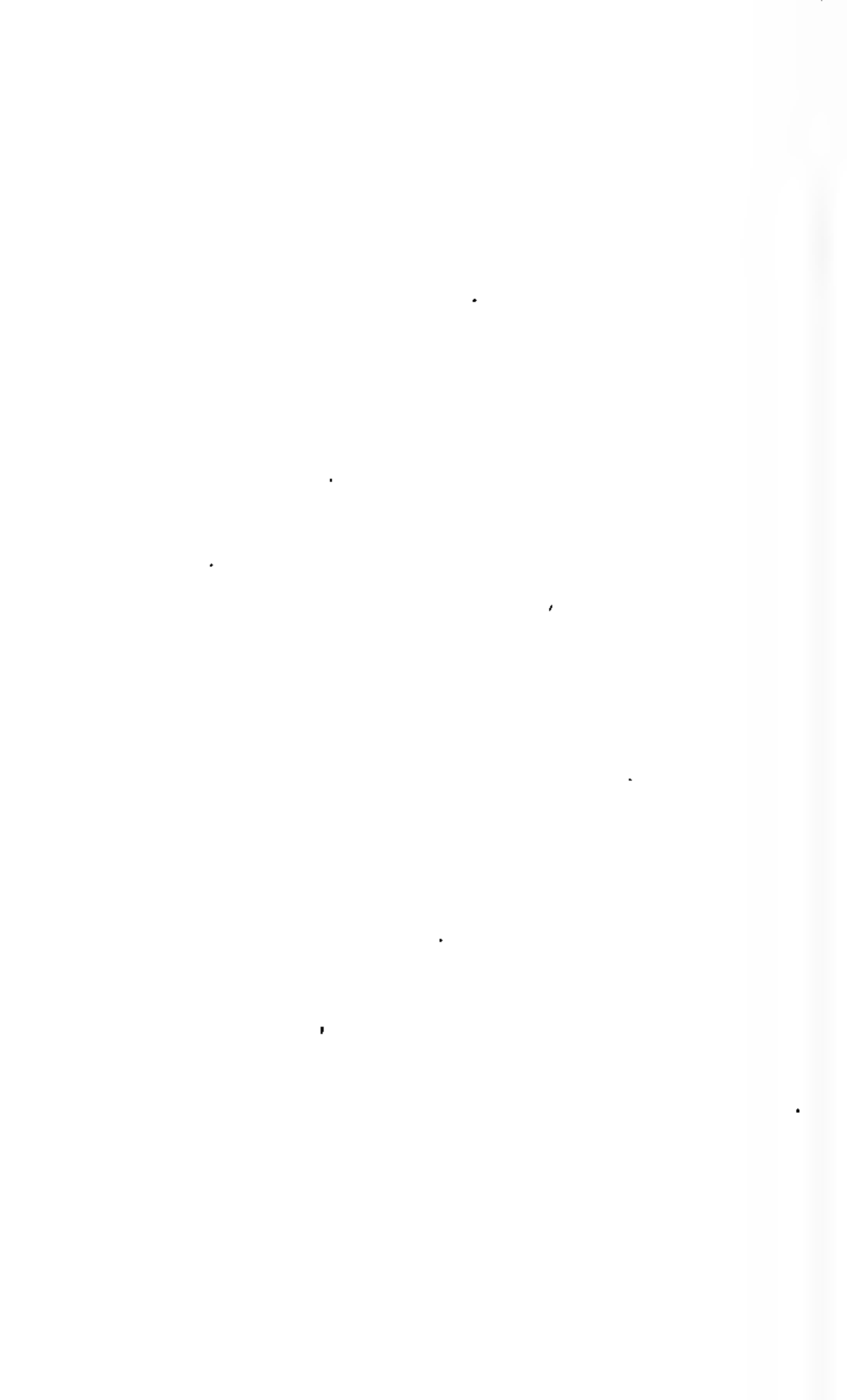
After debate, the motion to reconsider was carried, and the question being on ordering the Bill to a third reading, on motion of Mr. Phelps, of Springfield, the Bill was amended, and then ordered to a third reading.

Pursuant to assignment, at twelve o'clock the House proceeded to the consideration of the Bill, "Relating to trials by Jury before Justices of the Peace and Justices of the Police Court," the question being on ordering the same to a third reading, as amended; and after debate, the previous question was ordered, and the main question having been stated, the Bill was refused a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Swallow, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.



Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Usher, of Lynn, presented the Remonstrance of Mathew Mansfield, against the Petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Lynn.

Mr. Healy, of Dudley, the Petition of Asa E. Edmands and others, in relation to the powers and duties of County Commissioners locating roads.

Severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Emerson, of Boston, presented the Petition of the Metropolitan Railroad Company, for similar powers and privileges as those granted to the Cambridge Railroad Company.

Mr. Fessenden, of West Cambridge, the Remonstrance of the Selectmen of West Cambridge, against the Petition in aid of the Cambridge Water Works.

Mr. Taft, of Worcester, the Petition of Goddard, Rice and Company, in aid of the Petition of James M. Blanchard and others.

Severally referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Mr. Vinson, of Edgartown, presented the Petition of

Joseph Huxford and others, proprietors of Pocha Pond Meadow and Fishing Company.

Also, the Petition of John A. Baylies and others, in aid of the Petition of Joseph Huxford and others.

Mr. Crocker, of Barnstable, the Remonstrance of Freeman Marchant and others, of Barnstable, against the Petition of Josiah G. Handy and others.

Severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Mr. Jones, of Boston, presented the Petition of Alfred Norton and others, for an Act of incorporation, as the New England Paper Mill Insurance Company.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. Orcutt, of Chelsea, presented the Petition of John F. Fellows and others, in aid of the Petition of John Fenno and others.

Referred to the Committee on Towns.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed, to furnish forthwith, to each member of the House, the

complete files of the documents of both branches of the Legislature, as well as the Journal of the House, and to cause all such documents and pages of the Journal as may hereafter be printed, to be placed upon the files daily.

On motion of Mr. Devereux, of Salem,

Ordered, That the use of the Representatives' Hall be granted to the friends of Postal Reform, for the afternoon of Thursday next, at three o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of an address upon that subject.

On motion of Mr. Reed, of Newburyport,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending the law respecting the age at which children are admitted to the Public Schools of the Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Dyer, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to consider so much of the Governor's Address as relates to the subject of intemperance, be empowered to call for persons and papers.

On motion of Mr. Holbrook, of Braintree,

Ordered, That the Committee on Railways and Canals

be instructed to consider whether any legislation is necessary in regard to the regulation of Railroad Fares.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Loring, of Marlborough,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of reporting a Bill "providing for the appointment of Trial Justices in the several Counties, whose jurisdiction in civil cases shall extend to five hundred dollars, and whose decision shall be final, where judgment rendered does not exceed one hundred dollars; and who shall be empowered to call a jury, when either party to a suit shall demand it."

Mr. Stone, of Charlestown, offered an Order relative to Orders of Notice, which was rejected.

Mr. Codman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was recommitted a Bill to establish a Police Court in the town of Holyoke,

Reported that said Bill be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Stoddard, from the same committee, on the Petition of Thomas P. Rich, reported "leave to withdraw."

Mr. Fessenden, from the Committee on Towns, on the Petitions of A. H. Wheeler and others, and of S. B.

Day and others, Frederick Dwight and others, in aid of the same, and also the Remonstrance of Lyman Whitman and others, against the aforesaid Petition, reported,

Leave to withdraw.

Mr. Mixter, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to whom was committed the Order of January twenty-first, relative to the notification of endorsers of negotiable paper, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Whiton, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to whom was committed the Petition of Daniel Crowley, reported a Bill,

“To authorize Daniel Crowley to extend his wharf.”

Mr. Austin, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Petition of W. C. Barstow and others, reported a Bill,

“To authorize W. C. Barstow, B. C. Ward, E. S. Rand, and C. C. Gilbert, to extend their wharf.”

Mr. Briggs, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Order of January seventeenth, relative to venue of action, reported a Bill,

“Relating to the venue of certain actions.”

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

A communication was read from the Clerk, informing the House that he had appointed JAMES E. BARRELL, of Chelsea, as Assistant Clerk, *pro tempore*.

The appointment was confirmed by the House, and Messrs. Briggs, of Pittsfield, and C. O. Rogers, of Boston, were appointed a Committee to wait upon Mr. Barrell to the Governor and Council, to take and subscribe the necessary oaths of office; who attended to that duty, and reported that Mr. Barrell was duly qualified.

On motion of Mr. Vose, of Boston, the House concurred in the proposition received from the Senate yesterday, for a Convention on the thirteenth instant, at twelve o'clock, M., for a choice of two Directors of the Western Railroad, on the part of the State, and the Clerk was charged with a message to the Senate to inform them thereof.

The following gentlemen were appointed a Committee on the Order offered yesterday by Mr. Adams, of New

Marlboro', relative to the accounts for taking the decennial census,

Messrs. Adams, of New Marlboro,
Johnson, of Lowell,
Towne, of Pawtucket,
J. W. Rogers, of Boston, and
• Sawyer, of Templeton.

Mr. Stone, of Charlestown, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Order offered by him this morning, was rejected.

Motion placed in the Orders of the Day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Sever, of Boston, the motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston, to non-concur in the message from the Senate of February second, for the celebration of Washington's birthday, was taken from the table, and the whole subject was referred to a Committee of Five on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, with instructions to consider and report, what measures, if any, shall be taken by the two Houses, in concurrence, for the proper observance of the birthday of Washington.

Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of Edward Howard and others, came down non-concurred in its reference to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, and referred to the Committee on Manufactures, and the House concurred in the reference.

The Order of Notice on the Petition of Ambrose Lawrence and others, was committed to the Joint Special Committee on that subject, in concurrence.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the Joint Standing Committee on the Library, consider the expediency of reprinting the Debates of the Convention of one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight.

An abstract of the "Population of Massachusetts as given by the census of June one, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, arranged by Congressional Districts, by Counties and Towns, and by Wards in the City of Boston,"

Was committed to the Joint Special Committee on so much of the Governor's Address as relates to districting the State for the choice of Counsellors, in concurrence.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the Bill "in addition to several Acts to secure a Decennial Census and Statistical Information," was read a second time, and pending the question on its passage to a third reading, amendments were offered by Mr. Warren, of Brighton, and Mr. Dyer, of Boston, when, on motion of Mr. Temple, of Framingham, the Bill with the amendments, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The Bill, "To prevent the evasion of the laws for the suppression of Lotteries," was passed over in the consideration of the Orders of the Day.

The Bill "To prevent frauds of officers of Corporations," was specially assigned for consideration on Tuesday, February nineteenth, at twelve o'clock, M.

The Bill, "To enable parties in civil actions to be witnesses therein,"

Was refused a third reading, and subsequently Mr. Dyer, of Boston, moved a reconsideration of said vote, which was placed in the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

The Bill, "In addition to the Acts relating to days of grace on commercial paper,"

Was then taken up, and the second section was stricken out, and the Bill, as amended, passed to be engrossed, and was sent up for concurrence.

Bills, "To authorize the Beaman Manufacturing Company to increase their capital stock,"

"To continue in force an Act to incorporate the Lynn Mutual Fire Insurance Company,"

"To establish the office of Assistant Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Suffolk," and

"To incorporate the Clinton Steam-Power Company,"

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills, "To change the name of the Second Baptist Church in Salem,"

"To incorporate the Blackstone Athenæum," and

"Amending the forty-ninth chapter of the Revised Statutes respecting the manner of sureties surrendering their principals in bail bonds,"

Were severally read a third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petitions of William M. Bickford and others, was accepted.

The engrossed Bills, "In addition to an Act to establish a Police Court in the town of Chicopee," and

"To extend the time for constructing a highway across Mystic River," (which originated in the House,) and

"To protect the Fisheries in Ipswich River," (which originated in the Senate,)

Were passed to be enacted and were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Andrews, of Danvers,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Brewster, of Boston, presented the Petition of the Mayor of the city of Boston for authority to extend Albany Street.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. Gardner, of Duxbury, presented the Petition of Stephen Soule and another for the right to propagate Clams on flats owned by them.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Mr. Goss, of Charlestown, presented the Petition of Thomas Wait and others, in aid of the Petition of Peter Hubbell and others.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Jacobs, of Wellfleet presented the Petition of Isaac Baker and others, proprietors of meadows, in the town of Wellfleet, for an Act of incorporation.

Referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Mr. Thaxter, of Watertown, presented the Remonstrance of Estes Howe and others, against the proposed incorporation of the Town of Belmont.

Mr. Fenno, of North Chelsea, the Petition of Benjamin Shurtleff and others, for the annexation of North Chelsea to Boston.

Severally referred to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. Titcomb, of Lynnfield, presented the Petition of Henry Clay and others, relative to the repeal of the Act "concerning Beaches in the town of North Chelsea."

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Littlefield, of Foxboro',

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of establishing a reserve fund from the Bank Tax, for the redemption of the notes of such banks as may become insolvent.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Warner, of Belchertown,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire whether any further legislation is necessary in relation to the election of Town Officers.

On motion of Mr. Adams, of North Brookfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a Bill authorizing County Commissioners to administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses who may appear to testify respecting any matter depending before them, if the Committee find that the Commissioners do not already possess such authority.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Lowell, the Petitions of
Thomas Nesmith and others,
Henry Worcester and others, and
Joshua M. Hovey and others,
relating to the charter of the Essex Company, at Lawrence, were taken from the files of last year, and referred to the Committee on the Petition of Ambrose Lawrence and others.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Codman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Order of January twenty-first, relative to equity powers, of the Supreme Judicial Court, reported a Bill,

“ Giving further remedies in Equity.”

Mr. Thayer, from the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred the Order of Febru-

ary first, that they be directed to consider the expediency of altering or amending the first section of the forty-eighth chapter of the Revised Statutes, reported a Bill,

“Relating to the appointment of Trustees of the State Lunatic Hospitals.”

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Hale, from the Committee on the Library, to which was referred the Resolve in favor of the Astor Library, reported, that the same ought to pass, with certain verbal amendments.

Placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, of Lexington,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it adjourn to meet at twelve o'clock, on Monday next.

The Speaker appointed the following gentlemen as the Committee, on the part of the House, on the Order offered yesterday, by Mr. Sever, of Boston, relative to the birthday of Washington, viz.:—

Messrs. Sever, of Boston,
Chamberlain, of Salem,
Weeks, of Lowell,
Adams, of North Brookfield, and
Davis, of Royalston.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petitions of Catherine S. Brown, and

Samuel R. Heywood and others,

for an Asylum for Inebriates, (taken from the files of last year,) were committed to the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

The Petition of the Selectmen of Marshpee, in behalf of the Marshpee Indians,

Was committed to the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Orders of Notice were issued on the several Petitions of

Shaw Morris,

Dana Crowell,

John N. Swasey,

Francis Small, and

John Gary.

Severally in concurrence.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the Joint Committee on public Charitable Institutions be, and they are hereby, instructed to consider and report upon the expediency of measures being taken for the removal of the Insane Pau-

pers now confined in the Boston Lunatic Hospital, at the expense of the Commonwealth, to the different State Institutions.

Also, that the Committee on Banks and Banking be, and they are hereby, instructed to consider, and report upon the expediency of the passage of a law restricting the loans of any Bank, of this Commonwealth, to any individual, in the same manner that loans to their Directors are now restricted.

The Second Annual Report of the Receivers of the Cochituate Bank, was committed to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Bills "Concerning the Perkins Mills and Dwight Manufacturing Company, and to increase the capital stock of the latter," (on the Petition of William Sturgis and others,) and,

"To extend the time for the construction of the Millbury and Southbridge Railroad,"

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Order yesterday offered by Mr. Stone, of Charlestown, was rejected, was carried, and the Order was adopted, as follows, viz. :

Ordered, 'That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of reporting a Bill requiring all petitioners to the legislature for special legislation, where Orders of Notice are necessary, to lodge their Petitions with the Secretary of State, on or before the tenth day in each year ; that the Secretary shall cause said Petitions to be laid before the Governor and Council, on the said tenth day of December, and they shall order such notice to be served and published by the petitioners, as in their judgment may be necessary, such notice to be served, and the last publication made, on or before the second Wednesday in January in each year ; and that all Petitions of the nature herein-named, not presented in conformity with this Order, shall be referred to the next General Court.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Bill, "To enable parties in civil actions to be witnesses therein," was yesterday refused a third reading, was specially assigned for consideration on Thursday next, February fourteenth, at twelve o'clock, M.

The Report, "leave to withdraw," on Petition of A. H. Wheeler and others, was passed over in the consideration of the Orders of the Day.

Reports, indefinitely postponing the Bill to establish a Police Court in the town of Holyoke, and

“Inexpedient to legislate” concerning the endorsers of negotiable paper,”

Were severally accepted.]

The Report, “leave to withdraw,” on the Petition of Thomas P. Rich, was, with the accompanying papers, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Bills, “To authorize W. C. Barstow and others to extend their wharf,” and

“To authorize Daniel Crowley to extend his wharf,”

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The “Bill relating to the venue of certain actions,”

Was read a second time, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

The Bill “To prevent the evasion of the laws for the suppression of lotteries,”

Was amended and laid on the table.

Bills “To authorize the Beaman Manufacturing Company to increase their capital stock,” and

“To continue in force an Act to incorporate the Lynn Mutual Fire Insurance Company,”

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bills, “To establish the office of Assistant Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Suffolk,” (as amended) and

“To incorporate the Clinton Steam-Power Company,”

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Sparrell, of Medford,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of Saturday was read.

Mr. Codman, of Boston, presented the Petition of William Minot, Jr., and others, for the repeal of the two hundred and eighty-third chapter of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

Referred to the Committee on Probate and Chancery.

Mr. Pratt, of Grafton, presented the Petition of Charles Brigham, for payment of his account, and services as Trustee for the Hassanamiscoe tribe of Indians.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Murdock, of Wareham, presented the Petition of James H. Look and others, of Plymouth County, relative to public schools.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Crocker, of Barnstable, presented the Petition of Solomon Ataguire and others, of Marshpee, in aid of the Petition of Josiah G. Handy and others.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Mr. Story, of Essex, presented the Remonstrance of J. M. Richardson and others, against the Petition of David Choate and others.

Referred to the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Mr. Batchelder, of Chelsea, presented the Petition of John Williams and others, in aid of the Petition of J. Fenno and others.

Referred to the Committee on Towns.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Emery, of Charlestown,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to consider the expediency of amending chapter two hundred and thirty-seven, of the Statutes of one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, so as to extend its provisions to the Municipal Authorities, and the School Committees of cities.

On motion of Mr. Crosby, of Lowell,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of requiring Treasurers of Savings Banks and Institutions for Savings, upon making up every dividend, to notify, in writing, each depositor whose deposit exceeds the sum upon which interest is allowed, informing him how much of his deposit is drawing no interest.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell,

Ordered, That the Joint Special Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of Ambrose Lawrence and others, in relation to fish ways on the Merrimack River, be, and hereby are authorized to send for persons and papers.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Bill to establish the office of Assistant Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court, was passed to be engrossed.

Motion placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Burbank, of Boston, the Petition of the State Mutual Life Insurance Company, for a repeal of the Act of one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, relative to the Mutual Life Insurance Companies, (House, Number twenty,) was taken from the table and committed to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, of Boston, the Bill, to prevent the evasion of laws for the suppression of lotteries, was taken from the table, and recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to report a new Bill.

On motion of Mr. Partridge, of Winchendon,

Ordered, That when this House adjourns, it be adjourned to eleven o'clock, A. M., to-morrow, and that that be the hour of meeting until otherwise ordered.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petitions of James Savage and others, in behalf of the Provident Institution for Savings in the town of Boston; and,

The Suffolk Bank, for permission to increase their interest in real estate; and,

Carver Hotchkiss and others, for a bank at Shelburne Falls,

Were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

The Petitions of B. Perkins, Jr. and others, to be incorporated as a Steamship Company; and

George C. Shattuck for leave to extend his wharf,

Were severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The Petition of William F. Veazie, for a repeal of a part of the two hundred and thirtieth chapter of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five,

Was referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

The Petition of Anna Hunnewell and others, to have the lines of Cambridge and Somerville straightened,

Was referred to the Committee on Towns. •

The Petition of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Huntington, to amend their former Petition,

Was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The Petition of H. C. Kimball and others, for abolishing the Police Court in the town of Blackstone,

Was referred to a Joint Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Carey and Brakenridge on the part of the Senate, and such as the House may join.

Severally in concurrence.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth furnish each member of the Legislature with a copy of "A Tabular View of the Representation in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, from seventeen hundred and eighty to eighteen hundred and fifty-three," now in his office.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of A. H. Wheeler and others, was accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills, "To extend the time for the construction of the Millbury and Southbridge Railroad," and "Concerning the Perkins Mills and Dwight Manufacturing Company, and to increase the capital stock of the latter,"

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Report of the Committee on the Library, on the Resolve in favor of Astor Library, that the same ought to pass, with amendments, was accepted, and the Bill was ordered to a second reading.

Bills, "To authorize W. C. Barstow and others to extend their wharf," and

"To authorize Daniel Crowley to extend his wharf,"

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Goss, of Charlestown,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Blood, of Taunton, presented the Remonstrance of Theodore Dean and others.

Mr. Standish, of Middleboro', the Remonstrance of Andrew C. Wood and others, severally against the Petition of Charles H. Gooding and others.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Murdock, of Wareham, presented the Petition of the Selectmen of the town of Marion, to change one section in their Act of incorporation.

Mr. Moore, of Douglas, the Petition of John Darling and others, for annexing the south part of Sutton to the town of Douglas.

Severally referred to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. Thomas, of New Bedford, presented the Petition of C. B. H. Fessenden and others, against the Petition of Edward W. Howland and others.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Usher, of Lynn, offered the following Order:—

That the Committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of requiring each bank in this Commonwealth to deposit in the Treasury an amount equal to two per cent. per annum, of the tax they now pay, the same to be appropriated for the redemption of the notes of such banks as may become insolvent.

Mr. Weeks, of Lowell, offered the following Order:—

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what, if any, legislation is necessary for the suppression of dances, dancing schools, balls, cotillon parties, and all other such like assemblies on Saturday evenings, and that they be requested to report by Bill, or otherwise.

Severally rejected.

Mr. Vose, from the Joint Special Committee on the Enlargement of the State House, to whom was committed the Order of Mr. Haynes, of Dorchester, of the twenty-ninth of January, inquiring whether the public interest requires that said Board of Commissioners be further continued, have considered the same, and report,

“That the commission of said Board expired on the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.”

Accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The following gentlemen were appointed, in concurrence, as the Committee on the part of the House, on the Petition to abolish the Police Court in the town of Blackstone.

Messrs. Wheeler, of North Bridgewater,
Gaston, of Roxbury,
Southworth, of Franklin,
Read, of Boston, and
Harding, of Lawrence.

On motion of Mr. Pratt, of Middleboro', the Petition of Andrew Haskins and others, was taken from the files of last year, and referred to the Committee on Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield, the Bill relating to the venue of certain actions, (House Doc. No. 43,) was taken from the table and placed in the Orders of the Day.

A message was received from the Governor, by the Secretary, transmitting the Report of the Commissioners appointed under chapter fifteen of the Resolves of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, to establish the boundary line between Gay Head and the town of Chilmark ;

Also, the Report of Commissioners appointed under chapter sixty-nine of the Resolves of the year one thou-

sand eight hundred and fifty-five, to examine the title to certain lands in the town of Tisbury.

Severally laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Mixter, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to whom was referred the Petition of the Hampshire Mutual Fire Insurance Company for a renewal of charter, reported a Bill,

“To continue in force an Act to incorporate the Hampshire Mutual Fire Insurance Company.”

Read, and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of the Proprietors of the Lawrence Bridge, for a change in the tariff of tolls on said bridge,

Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges, in concurrence.

The Petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston, for authority to extend Albany Street, came down non-concurred in its reference to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, and referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges, and the House concurred in the reference.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the Joint Special Committee on Alien Paupers, be directed to visit the State Almshouse at Tewksbury.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House, on Saturday, passed to be engrossed the Bill to establish the office of Assistant Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court of the County of Suffolk, was carried; the question then recurred on passing the Bill to be engrossed. And the Bill was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills, "Relating to the appointment of Trustees of the State Lunatic Hospitals," and

"Giving further remedies in Equity,"

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Bills, "To extend the time for the construction of the Millbury and Southbridge Railroad,"

"Concerning the Perkins Mills and Dwight Manufacturing Company, and to increase the capital stock of the latter,"

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The "Resolve in favor of the Astor Library," (as amended,)

Was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Pursuant to assignment, at twelve o'clock the House proceeded to the consideration of the Bill, in addition to the duties and rights of Jurors, the question being on the rejection of said Bill. Mr. Littlefield, of Foxboro', offered an amendment, and, pending that question,

On motion of Mr. Dyer, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Hicks, of New Bedford, presented the Petition of the Bedford Commercial Bank, for leave to increase their capital.

Mr. Taggart, of Haverhill, the Petition of George W. Lee and others, for charter of Pentucket Bank in Haverhill.

Severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. Smith, of Chatham, presented the Petition of George Eldridge and others, and

Mr. Nye, of Sandwich, the Petition of Francis A. Nye and others, severally for leave to construct fish weirs.

Mr. Howes, of Dennis, the Remonstrance of Obed Baker, second, and others, against the Petition of Josiah G. Handy and others.

Severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Mr. Jacobs, of Wellfleet, presented the Petition of Benjamin H. Breit and another, for leave to build a wharf in the town of Wellfleet.

Mr. Taggart, of Haverhill, the Petition of the Newburyport Railroad Company, for extension of time to locate and build a branch railroad over Merrimack River.

Severally referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Mr. Lamb, of Greenfield, presented the Petition of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company, praying the State to subscribe one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to their capital, and to take part in the direction of the Company.

Referred to a Joint Special Committee to consist of Seven on the part of the Senate, and one from each county, on the part of the House.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Mixter, of Hardwick,

Ordered, That the Committee on Railways and Canals consider the expediency of providing by law, that all railroads within this Commonwealth, when they have been in operation over the whole length of the road for the space of five years, shall close construction account.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Foster, of Andover,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the twenty-sixth section of chapter three hundred and twenty-seven of the Acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, entitled "An Act to secure the equal distribution of the property of Insolvent Corporations among their creditors," as renders

inapplicable to railroad corporations, and

was received from the Senate, informing
that the Hon. FRANCIS H. DEWEY had been
President *pro tempore*.

assignment, the hour having arrived for
two Directors for the Western Railroad,
the in, and the two branches being in Con-
ceded to the choice of two Directors of the
road on the part of the Commonwealth ;
having been taken and counted, it appeared
person had been elected, viz. :—

WILVANDER JOHNSON, of Adams.

tion again proceeded to ballot for the sec-
and the votes having been taken and count-
that there was no choice ; whereupon, on
convention dissolved, and the Senate with-

Papers from the Senate.

of John A. Knowles and others, of Low-
the Petition of the Boston and Lowell Rail-
for a branch track in Lowell ; and

of T. P. Pingree and others, of Salem, in
tion of the Danvers Railroad Company,
lly referred to the Committee on Railways

The Petition of John R. Bulkley and others, for an Act of incorporation as the Williams Bank,

Was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

The Petition of the Female Medical Education Society, for change of name,

Was referred to the Committee on Education.

An Order of Notice was issued on the Petition of Joseph Huxford and others ; also

An Order for the extension of time on the Order of Notice on the Petition of Daniel Cragin.

Severally in concurrence.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the unfinished business of yesterday, viz. : " The Bill in addition to an Act concerning the rights and duties of Jurors," was debated, the question being on the amendment offered by Mr. Littlefield, of Foxboro' ; but before the question was taken,

On motion of Mr. Pollard, of Taunton,

The House

Adjourned.

ling to adjournment.

s offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

al of yesterday was read.

on, of Boston, presented the Report of the
t of Charles River and Warren Bridges,
id on the table and ordered to be printed.

ard, of Worcester, presented the Petition of
ors of the City Hotel in Worcester, for
me and amendment of charter.

at, of Marblehead, presented the Petition of
perlain and others, praying for the enactment
ishing with severer penalties, the fraudulent
of bank and railroad officers.

eux, of Salem, presented the Petition of the
lem, for alteration of city charter.

ferred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

an, of Boston, presented the Petition of E.
and others, for incorporation as the Marga-
ayer Book Society.

o the Committee on Probate and Chancery.

Mr. Howes, of Dennis, presented the Remonstrance of Isaiah Baker and others, of Dennis, against the Petition of Josiah G. Handy and others, and against all other Petitions of a similar character.

Mr. Thomas, of New Bedford, presented the Remonstrance of B. F. Ricketson and others, of New Bedford, against the Petition of E. W. Howland and others.

Severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Mr. Stone, of Charlestown, presented the Petition of E. E. Bradshaw and others, citizens of Charlestown, in aid of the Petition of Peter Hubbell and others.

Mr. Barrows, of Easton, presented the Remonstrance of John H. Swain and others, of the town of Easton, against the Petition of Charles H. Gooding and others.

Severally referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Lawrence, of Cambridge, presented the Petition of Field, Converse and Company and others, for the passage of a law requiring green slaughter hides to be inspected before they are sold, and for the appointment of an Inspector-General thereof.

Mr. Cook, of Gloucester, presented the Petition of Joseph Friend and Company, for leave to extend their wharf in Gloucester.

Severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

mb, of Lynnfield, presented the Petition of
n and others of Lynnfield, in aid of the
the Danvers Railroad Company.

the Committee on Banks and Banking.

n, of Fall River, the Petition of the Coun-
ners of Bristol County, for authority to bor-

the Committee on Prisons.

ent up for concurrence.

of Mr. Stebbins, of Deerfield,

that the Committee on Banks and Banking,
to consider the expediency of prohibiting
d clerks of banks, and other persons em-
the same, from holding or voting on the
ver of attorneys of their stockholders, for
so, that no person shall vote on proxy bear-
than fourteen days preceding the election.

of Mr. Slade, of Fall River,

that the Committee on Railways and Canals
to inquire if any legislation is necessary to
sengers at the different railway stations,
pening of the ticket office and the starting
time to procure their tickets.

ent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Holbrook, of Weymouth,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of making it obligatory upon all Loan and Lund Associations to pay the holders of shares the amount credited upon their books, with five per cent. interest; the said holders of shares giving them thirty days' notice of their desire to close their account with the association.

On motion of Mr. Lawrence, of Cambridge,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing an Assistant Officer to the Attorney of the Commonwealth for the County of Suffolk.

Mr. Mixter, of Hardwick, offered the following Order:—

Ordered, That the officers of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad furnish forthwith, for the use of the Legislature, the names of the officers of said corporation, the amount of capital stock subscribed, the number of shares held by each individual or corporation, the amount paid in by each stockholder on their subscription, and the amount of liabilities now outstanding against said corporation.

Laid over, under the rule.

ker appointed the following gentlemen as the
Committee on the part of the House, on
of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Com-

Thayer, of Suffolk,
Poor, of Essex,
Fessenden, of Middlesex,
Deane, of Franklin,
Morrell, of Bristol,
Littlefield, of Norfolk,
Gray, of Plymouth,
Putnam, of Worcester,
Shaw, of Hampshire,
Hammond, of Dukes and Nantucket,
Upton, of Berkshire,
Chapin, of Hampden, and
Gould, of Falmouth.

art, from the Committee on Accounts, to
referred the Auditor's Annual Report of the
his office, reported that no legislation thereon
and asking to be discharged from the further
thereof.

from the same committee, on the Annual
e Adjutant-General, of the expenses of his
ed, that no legislation is necessary thereon,
be discharged from the further considera-

accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Codman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Order of Mr. West, of the twenty-eighth ult., relative to the expediency of repealing the twenty-eighth chapter of the Acts of eighteen hundred and fifty-five, reported a Bill respecting Naturalization.

Mr. Ritchie, from the Committee on Railways and Canals, on the Petition of the Plympton Branch Railroad Company, reported a Bill to change the name of the Plympton Branch Railroad Company.

Mr. Thayer, from the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred the Petition of Charles Carliss and others, reported a Bill "To incorporate the Duston Monument Association."

Mr. Hale, from the Committee on the Library, on the Order relative to the expediency of reprinting the debates of the Convention of the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, reported

A Resolve relating to the Massachusetts Convention of the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight.

Also, The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Order of Mr. Thaxter, of Watertown, of the seventeenth ult., relative to printing an edition of the Records of Massachusetts, reported

A Resolve relating to the Massachusetts Records.

read, and ordered to a second reading.

of Mr. Whitney, of Ashburnham, the Bill
to several Acts to secure a Decennial Census
al Information, (House Doc. No. 46,) was
the table, and placed in the Orders of the Day.

aux, from the Committee on the Judiciary,
on of the Mayor of Salem, for an alteration of
rter, reported a Bill, in further addition to
blishing the City of Salem, which, under a
f the Rules, took its several readings, passed
ed, and was sent up for concurrence.

e was received from the Senate by Honorable
proposing a Convention of the two branches
February nineteenth, at twelve o'clock, M.,
oose of choosing a Director of the Western

on of Mr. Austin, of Boston, the House
ed in the proposal, and substituted Wednes-
y twentieth, at twelve o'clock, M., and Mr.
charged with a message to the Senate, to in-
thereof. Subsequently, a message was re-
the Senate by the Clerk of that body,
their concurrence in the proposition.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of Richard W. Swan and others, for the incorporation of the Berkshire Collegiate Institute, was referred to the Committee on Education.

The Petition of David Choate and others, was taken from the files, and recommitted to the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

The Petition of Jonas B. Clark and others, and

The Petition of Abram Chase and others, were severally taken from the files and recommitted to the Committee on Towns.

Severally in concurrence.

A Bill extending the time for the construction of the Boston and New York Central Railroad, was read, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

A Bill in addition to an Act to incorporate a State Reform School for Girls, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The House Bill "To incorporate the Nantucket County Agricultural Society," came down amended, and the House concurred in the amendments.

rs of the Day were then taken up, the first
the unfinished business of yesterday, viz. :
addition to an Act concerning the Duties
of Jurors," but before taking the question,
of Mr. Vose, of Boston, the Bill was laid on

matter in the Orders of the Day, viz. : " Bill
the venue of certain actions," was taken up,
taking the question, the special assignment
or, the same being the motion to reconsider
ereby the Bill " To enable parties in civil
e witnesses therein," was refused a third read-
debate, the motion was carried. The ques-
urred on ordering the Bill to a third reading,
ich, on motion of Mr. Hall, of Boston, the
pecially assigned for Friday next, at twelve

rossed Bills, " To incorporate Simpson's Pa-
ck Company,"

g a new promise of an Insolvent Debtor,
harge, to be in writing,"

everally originated in the House of Repre-
and

Bills, "to authorize the Beaman Manufacturing Company to increase their capital stock,"

"Concerning the Perkins Mills and Dwight Manufacturing Company, and to increase the capital stock of the latter,"

"To extend the time for the construction of the Millbury and Southbridge Railroad,"

"To continue in force an Act to incorporate the Lynn Mutual Fire Insurance Company,"

(Which severally originated in the Senate,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, of Lexington,

The House

Adjourned.

ling to adjournment.

s offered by the Chaplain.

al of yesterday was read.

, of Plymouth, presented the Petition of
 Holmes and others, in aid of the Petition of
 n and others.

to the Committee on Towns.

ie, of Boston, presented the Petition of Caleb
 thers, in aid of the Petition of the Town of

to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and

in, of Boston, presented the Petition of the
 Roxbury Mill Corporation, for a change of
 toll on the Western Avenue.

, of Taunton, presented the Remonstrance of
 e and others; also, the Remonstrance of Lot
 d others, severally against the Petition of
 Gooding and others.

ell, of Medford, presented the Petition of
 Porter and others, in aid of the Petition of
 ll and others.

referred to the Committee on Roads and

Mr. Burbank, of Boston, presented the Petition of the City of Boston, for leave to unite under one Board of Directors, the Houses of Industry, Reformation, Correction, and the Lunatic Hospital of the County of Suffolk.

Mr. Phillips, of Danvers, presented the Petition of Sarah L. Winchester and others, to be incorporated as the Female Benevolent Society of South Danvers.

Severally referred to the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Severally sent up for concurrence. .

Mr. Codman, of Boston, presented the Petition of H. H. Hunnewell and others, for a change of the law in relation to landlord and tenant.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, presented the Petition of William Greenleaf, for license to dispose of real estate of Wards.

Referred to the Committee on Probate and Chancery.

On motion of Mr. Andrews, of Danvers,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of providing, by law, for what shall constitute the weight of onions by the bushel.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Jones, of Reading,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so far amend-

nty-seven, chapter seven of Revised Statutes, the rate of poll taxes, that in case of any variation, voted by towns for public improvement of the poll tax may be increased and according to the sum of money so raised.

of Mr. Lamb, of Greenfield,

That the Secretary of the Commonwealth printed, for the use of the Legislature, the report of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad which was accidentally omitted from the annual Reports of Railroad Corporations.

of Mr. C. Hale, of Boston,

That the powers of the Committee appointed under the sixth instant, to audit the assessors, as provided by the fourth section of chapter twenty-one, of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, entitled "An Act to obtain information relating to certain branches of the public service," be suspended until the action of the Legislature on the Bill now pending, which proposes to re-enact the said section.

of Mr. Mixter, of Hardwick, of the fourteenth, was then taken up, the question being on the yeas and nays. On motion of the same gentleman, the question was ordered, and as amended, adopted.

A communication was received from the Auditor of Accounts, covering a statement of payments to Commissioners on Charles River and Warren Bridges, which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Gould, of Falmouth, the Report of the Commissioners for the establishment of a State Reform School for Girls, was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield, the Report on the Senate Bill, "In addition to an Act concerning the Duties and Rights of Jurors," (Senate Doc. No. 17, amended,) that the same ought *not* to pass, was taken from the table and placed in the Orders of the Day.

. Mr. Abercrombie, from the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the Treasurer's Annual Report of the expenses of his office, reported that no further legislation is necessary thereon.

. Accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Strickland, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred the Order of Mr. Ritchie, of Boston, of the second instant, relative to guardians and wards, reported,

A Bill "Concerning Guardians and Wards."

reux, from the Committee on the Judiciary,
er of Mr. Lawrence, of Cambridge, of the
stant, relative to an assistant officer to the
the Commonwealth, for the County of Suf-
d a Bill, "To establish the office of Assistant-
the County of Suffolk,"

read and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

onstrance of William F. Wheeler and others,
Petition of the Cambridge Water Works, for
nt of their charter, and

tion of the Agricultural Branch Railroad
r extension of time to construct their rail-
so for authority to issue preferred stock,
erally referred to the Committee on Railways

ion of the Fort Hill Corporation, for an Act,
o their charter, was referred to the Committee
le Affairs and Insurance.

ment of the Bank Commissioners' Salaries,

ort of the Receivers of Grocers' Bank,
erally referred to the Committee on Banks

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in concurrence.

Orders of Notice were issued, in concurrence, on the several Petitions of

Samuel C. Parsons,
John Darling and others, and
Horace Collamore and others.

The Petition of A. J. Richmond and others, was taken from the files, and recommitted to the Joint Special Committee on the Petition of Ambrose Lawrence and others, in concurrence.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance be, and they are hereby, instructed to consider and report, upon the expediency of a law enforcing prompt payment of losses by Mutual Marine Insurance Companies ; also,

That the Clerk of the Senate be directed to inform Sylvander Johnson, of Adams, that he has been elected a Director of the Western Railroad on the part of the Commonwealth.

Bill, "To change the name of the State Reform School for Girls," was read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bills, "To extend the time for the construction of the Western Avenue Railroad," and

ing the time for the construction of the Barre Brookfield Railroad,"

erally read and ordered to a second reading.

rt of the Committee on Parishes and Reli-
ies, on the Petition of David Choate, refer-
ne to the Committee on the Judiciary, was
concurrence.

rs of the Day were then taken up, the first
g the unfinished business of yesterday, viz.:
ng to the venue of certain actions," the ques-
n ordering the Bill to a third reading. Pend-
tion, the Orders of the Day were laid on the
tion of Mr. Ritchie, of Boston.

to assignment, the House proceeded to the
n of the Bill, "To enable parties in civil
be witnesses therein," the question being on
e Bill to a third reading. Mr. Ritchie, of
red an amendment to the Bill, pending the
f which, the whole subject was, on motion of
f Boston, recommitted to the Committee on the

n of Mr. Clapp, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

ding to adjournment.

is offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

al of yesterday was read.

on, of Fall River, presented the Petition of
hase and others, praying for incorporation as
a Bank.

o the Committee on Banks and Banking.

on, of Provincetown, presented the Remon-
ohn W. Davis and others, against the Peti-
ge Marston and others.

o the Committee on Railways and Canals.

rombie, of Quincy, presented the Petition of
Mutual Fire Insurance Company, for an
of charter.

o the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and

of Newburyport, presented the Petition of
ors of the Essex Merrimack Bridge, for re-
Act passed May fifteen, one thousand eight
fifty-five.

o the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

, of Winchester, presented the Petition of
wler, to incorporate the Boston Linseed Oil

Referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Crossman, of Springfield, presented the Remonstrance of Harvey Foster and others, against the Petition of Elisha A. Fuller and others.

Referred to the Committee on Towns.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Thomas, of New Bedford, presented the Petition of Clem. Jenkins, of Hagarstown, State of Maryland, for leave to inherit certain real estate in the city of New Bedford.

Referred to the Committee on Probate and Chancery.

On motion of Mr. Willard, of Hammond,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of repealing or amending the one hundred and sixth chapter of the Acts and Resolves of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, in relation to the taxation of minor children.

On motion of Mr. Morrissey, of Nantucket,

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms furnish the Commissioners appointed under the Resolves of March nine and May seventeen, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, with three hundred copies of the Reports by them respectively made, to be distributed among the Indians and others directly interested therein, and that a suff

nal number of copies be printed for that

of Newburyport, on leave, introduced a
on to an Act, entitled "An Act concerning
School Committees," which was read, and
the Committee on Education.

r concurrence.

from the Joint Special Committee, to whom
the message of the Senate of February
to the proper observance of the birthday of
reported,

relative to the observance of the birthday
on," which, under a suspension of the Rules,
veral readings, passed to be engrossed, and
for concurrence.

of Mr. Torrey, of Boston, the Annual Re-
ommissioners of Alien Passengers was taken
e, and referred to the Joint Special Commit-
ch of the Governor's Address as relates to

r concurrence.

of Mr. Morrell, of Fall River,

That when this House adjourns, it be ad-
twelve o'clock, M., on Monday next, and that
our of meeting until otherwise ordered.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of Elisha A. Fuller and others, of Springfield, to be set off into a new town by the name of Delano, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

The Petition of Marcus Morton, Jr. and others, for amendment of the Act incorporating the Punchard Free School in Andover, was referred to the Committee on Education.

The Remonstrance of William Tewksbury, and

The Remonstrance of Elisha Cutler, severally against the Petition of David Belcher, of the town of Winthrop, were severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Severally in concurrence.

The Petition of Benjamin H. Breit and Barnabas S. Young, to build a wharf at Great Island, in the town of Wellfleet, came down from the Senate, non-curred in the House reference to the Committee on Railways and Canals, and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

On motion, the House receded and concurred.

Notice were issued, in concurrence, on the
ons of

nes M. Blanchard and others, and .

C. Kimball and others.

in concurrence, That the Petition of Caleb
others, relative to the removal of sea weed
ches in the town of North Chelsea, be taken
and recommitted to the Committee on Ag-

rt of the Commissioners on Mystic River,
or and Dorchester Bay, taken from the files
was referred to the Joint Special Committee
of the Governor's Address relating to Boston

rt of the Committee on Banks and Banking,
d Report of the Receivers of the Cochituate
no legislation was necessary thereon, was

n concurrence.

rt "inexpedient to legislate" of the Com-
riculture, on the Order relative to the meas-
, was read and placed in the Orders of the

cerning the Boston and New York Central
npany," and

The Resolve, providing for an Amendment to the Constitution relative to the abolition of imprisonment for debt,

Were severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and on motion of Mr. Emerson, of Boston, the debatable matters were passed over for to-day.

The House Bills, "To continue in force an Act to incorporate the Hampshire Mutual Fire Insurance Company,"

"To incorporate the Duston Monument Association,"

"To change the name of the Plympton Branch Railroad,"

"Concerning Guardians and Wards," and

The Senate Bills, "Extending the time for the construction of the Barre and North Brookfield Railroad,"

"To extend the time for the construction of the Western Avenue Railroad,"

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Bill, "Relating to the appointment of the State Lunatic Hospital," was read a third time, and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill, "Giving further remedies in Equity," was read a third time, and amended, on motion of Mr. [Name], of Boston, and as amended, passed to be engrossed. Subsequently, Mr. Vose, of Boston, moved a division of the vote, which motion was placed in the hands of the yeas and nays.

of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell,

The House

Adjourned.

ording to adjournment.

was offered by Mr. Wheeler, member from
gewater.

rnal of Saturday was read.

nant, of Scituate, presented the Petition of
Turner and others, of Scituate and Marsh-
rther legislation in regard to the herring fish-
North River, so called.

son, of Edgartown, presented the Petition of
in and others, in aid of the Petition of Joseph
nd others.

referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

r sent up for concurrence.

tcher, of Lowell, presented the Petition of
ntington and others, in relation to the records
thern District of Middlesex.

to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ter, of Quincy, offered an Order relative to
es, which was rejected.

on of Mr. Wells, of Stockbridge,

That the Committee on the Judiciary con-

sider the expediency of amending the nineteenth chapter of the Revised Statutes, so as to allow Fence Viewers to assess damages to either party, at their discretion.

On motion of Mr. Heard, of Lowell,

Ordered, That the Committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of amending the eighth section of the Act of eighteen hundred and fifty-one, in regard to Insolvent Corporations, so that the oath of a majority of the officers of any insolvent corporation, shall be deemed sufficient in any case where a portion of said officers may, at the time of making said oath, be absent from the State.

On motion of Mr. Burbank, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on Probate and Chancery be instructed to inquire into the expediency of further legislation respecting adjustments by compromise or arbitration, by executors, administrators, guardians and trustees.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, of Lexington,

Ordered, That when this House adjourn, it be adjourned till Tuesday, at eleven o'clock, A. M., and that that be the hour of meeting until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Emerson, of Boston, the Report of the former Agent of Charles River and Warren Bridges,

from the table, and referred to the Committee on Bridges.

in concurrence.

of Mr. Ritchie, of Boston, the Senate Bill for the time for the construction of the Boston and New York Central Railroad, was taken from the table and placed in the Orders of the Day.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of James Walker and others, in aid of the Freedmen of T. F. Caldicot and others, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Report of W. H. Wood and others, in aid of the Freedmen of George Marston and others, was referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Report of Solomon Lincoln and others, praying for the establishing of an Asylum for Inebriates, was referred to the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

in concurrence.

Notice were issued, in concurrence, on the resolutions of

Samuel P. Wise and others,

George C. Shattuck, and

Albert Bowker and Joshua Bates.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the Joint Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of districting the State, and providing for the election of certain county officers, consider the expediency of providing by law, that all election returns and proclamations for Thanksgiving and Fast Days, be transmitted by mail; also,

That the Committee on Banks and Banking be, and they are hereby, instructed to consider and report upon the expediency of a law fixing the time for closing the banks in the city of Boston, daily, at three o'clock.

The Report "leave to withdraw," of the Committee on Fisheries, on the Petition of Stephen Soule and another, praying for the right to propagate clams in the town of Duxbury, was accepted, in concurrence.

Bill in addition to an Act to incorporate the Bank of Mutual Redemption, was read, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Bill concerning the compensation of Bank Commissioners, was read, and ordered to a second reading.

ers of the Day were then taken up, and on Mr. Sever, of Boston, the undebatable matters considered.

the Bills, "To continue in force an Act to incorporate the Hampshire Mutual Fire Insurance Com-

porate the Duston Monument Association,"

ge the name of the Plympton Branch Railway,"

erally read a third time, passed to be sent up for concurrence.

the Bills, "Extending the time for the construction of the Barre and North Brookfield Railroad,"

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erally read a third time, and passed to be sent up for concurrence.

ion to reconsider the vote whereby the Bill, further remedies in Equity," was passed to be was lost, and the Bill was sent up for concurrence.

relating to the venue of certain actions,"

tion to several Acts to secure a Decennial Statistical Information,"

“To establish the office of Assistant-Attorney for the County of Suffolk,” and

The Report on Senate Bill, “In addition to an Act concerning the duties and rights of Jurors,”

Were severally passed over.

The House Bill, “Respecting Naturalization,” and

The Resolve, providing for an Article of Amendment to the Constitution, relative to the abolition of imprisonment for debt, were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Report, “inexpedient to legislate” of the Committee on Agriculture, on the Order relative to the sale of Grain by measure, was accepted, in concurrence.

The Senate Bill, “Concerning the Boston and New York Central Railroad Company,” was read a second time, and amended, on motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston, and ordered to a third reading.

The Engrossed Bills, “Respecting the custody of minor children whose parents are living separate,”

“To incorporate the Nantucket Agricultural Society,”

“To authorize W. C. Barstow, B. C. Ward, E. S. Rand, and C. C. Gilbert, to extend their wharf,”

“To change the corporate name of the Second Baptist Society in Salem, and also the time of their annual meeting,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,) were severally passed to be enacted and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, of Ashburnham,

The House

Adjourned.

ing to adjournment.

offered by Mr. Conant, member from Scituate.

al of yesterday was read.

, of Plymouth, presented the Petition of
on and others, and

on of Nathaniel Swift, Jr. and others, severally
Petition of Caleb Morton and others ; also,

onstrance of J. H. Loud, William C. Davis,
rner, Selectmen of Plymouth, and

onstrance of Thomas Pearce, Jr. and others,

onstrance of Robert B. Hall and others,
inst the Petition of Caleb Morton and others.

referred to the Committee on Towns.

nd, of West Springfield, presented the Pe-
leon Stiles and others, in aid of the Petition
Blanchard and others.

o the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Mr. Hicks, of New Bedford, presented the Remonstrance of Joseph S. Tillingham and others, against the passage of any law prohibiting the circulation of bank bills under five dollars.

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

On motion of Mr. Vinson, of Edgartown,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education consider the expediency of allowing to the Indians of Gay Head, for the support of common schools, an additional sum of money, proportional to that allowed the Indians at Marshpee, by a Resolve of April twenty-six, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

On motion of Mr. Howes, of Dennis,

Ordered, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance be instructed to consider the expediency of so amending the existing laws in relation to Pilots and Pilot Commissioners, as to confer a discretionary power to grant general commissions as Bay Pilots, when, in the opinion of the Commissioners, the interest of commerce shall require it. Also, in all cases, to prevent unauthorized persons from exercising the duties of a Pilot, when an authorized Pilot can be obtained, and to report by Bill, or otherwise.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs
 , to whom was referred the Petition of the
 the Danvers Mutual Fire Insurance Com-

continue in force an Act to incorporate the
 al Fire Insurance Company, and to change
 name of the same."

ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

concurrence, That the several Petitions of
 D. Belcher and others,
 D. W. McKay,
 John N. Swazey,
 John Gary,
 John H. Pearson and others,
 Shaw Norris,
 Francis Small,
 Zeno Crowell,
 Daniel Cragin,
 Albert Bowker, and
 Joshua Bates,
 the files and recommitted to the Commit-
 tile Affairs and Insurance; also,

That the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions be instructed to consider and report upon the expediency of providing for the support and maintenance of such Indians, or a portion of them, as are a State charge, in apartments connected with the State Almshouse, and recommend such laws as may be deemed necessary in the case.

Mr. Titcomb, of Lynnfield, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House rejected the Order of Mr. Baxter, of Quincy, of the eighteenth instant, relative to passengers' fares on railroads.

Placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the "Resolve relating to the Massachusetts Convention of the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight," was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The House Bill, concerning Guardians and Wardens, was then taken up and read a third time, the question being on passing the same to be engrossed; pending which, the Special Assignment was called for, and taken up, viz. : Bill "To prevent Frauds of Officers of Corporations," the question being on ordering the same to

g. The Bill was amended, on motion of V. Rogers, of Boston, and Beal, of Boston, of Boston. Mr. J. W. Rogers, of Boston, her amendment, when, on motion of Mr. Fall River, the Bill, with the accompanying was recommitted to the Committee on the

se resumed the consideration of the Bill Guardians and Wards, when, on motion of , of Danvers, the Bill was indefinitely post-

te Bill, "Concerning the compensation of missioners," was read a second time, and re- l reading.

te Bill, "Extending the time for the construc- Boston and New York Central Railroad," was d time, and ordered to a third reading.

te Bill, "Concerning the Boston and New al Railroad Company," was read a third time to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an which was sent up for concurrence.

se Bill, "Concerning Naturalization," was time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for

The Resolve, providing for an Article of Amendment to the Constitution, relative to the abolition of Imprisonment for Debt, was read a third time.

The question was then stated to be on agreeing to the passage of the Resolve, as required by the Constitution, pending which, on motion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, the further consideration thereof was postponed until Tuesday, February twenty-sixth.

The House Bill, relating to the venue of certain actions, was then taken up, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading. Mr. Sever, of Boston, moved the indefinite postponement of the Bill; pending which, the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Fenno, of North Chelsea, and the main question being stated, the vote was taken, and the Bill was ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Vose, of Boston, the Orders of the Day were laid on the table.

The Petition of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company, praying the State to subscribe to their capital stock, and take part in the direction of the Company,

from the Senate, with the House reference to
al Committee, concurred in, and

ssrs. Lee, of Worcester,

Raymond, of Middlesex,

Carpenter, of Norfolk,

Mills, of Berkshire,

D. Warren, of Suffolk,

Baxter, of Barnstable, and

Batchelder, of Essex,

on the part of the Senate.

of Mr. Vose, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

to adjournment.

Offered by the Chaplain.

of yesterday was read.

of Boston, presented the Petition of David
to be set off from Hopkinton, and annexed
Ashland.

of Chelsea, presented the Petition of Henry
in aid of the Petition of John Fenno

of Groton, presented the Petition of Abel
Smith, of Groton and Shirley, for the in-
corporation of a new Town.

referred to the Committee on Towns.

Springfield, presented the Remonstrance
of John and others, of Westfield, against the
incorporation of Lawrence and others, for the suppres-
sion of the Mills.

referred to the Committee on Banks and

of Yarmouth, presented the Petition of
John and others, in aid of that of George
Smith.

referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Mr. Shepard, of Malden, presented the Remonstrance of Uriah Chamberlain and others, against the Petition of H. Williams and others.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Vinson, of Edgartown, presented the Petition of Elijah Norton and others, for leave to stop the outlet to the Farm Pond, in Edgartown.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Mr. Pratt, of East Bridgewater, presented the Petition of Francis Worcester and others, in aid of the Petition of George Marston and others.

Referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Mr. Vinson, of Edgartown, presented the Petition of Charles F. and Edward R. Dunham, for the privilege to extend a wharf in Edgartown Harbor.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Burbank, of Boston, presented the Petition of John H. Pearson and others, that lines of extension may be defined between proprietors on the northerly shore of South Boston.

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

... of Fitchburg, presented the Petition of N.
... and others, for a law regulating fees of Regis-
... is.

... to the Committee on the Judiciary.

... of Mr. Stone, of Charlestown, the State-
... yments to Commissioners on Charles River
... Bridges, was taken from the table, and re-
... e Committee on Roads and Bridges.

... of Mr. Williams, of Hadley,

That the Committee on Towns be instructed,
... the expediency of reporting a Bill, requiring
... onuments to be erected on town lines.

... of Mr. Swan, of Williamstown,

That the Petition of the Wardens of Trinity
... Bridgewater, be taken from the files, and re-
... o the Committee on Parishes and Religious

... sent up for concurrence.

... land, from the Committee on Probate and
... eported Orders of Notice on the several Pe-

Edward Blake, and
Alexander Clark.

... accepted.

Mr. Loring, from the Committee on the Order of January seventeenth, relative to forwarding the business of the Legislature, reported the following Order:—

Ordered, That all Orders of Notice shall be made returnable on or before the first day of April, and all Petitions requiring Orders of Notice, which cannot be made returnable on or before that time, shall be referred to the next Legislature.

The Report was accepted, and the Order adopted.

Mr. Fessenden, from the Committee on Towns, on the Petition of the Selectmen of the town of Marion, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Placed in the Orders of the Day.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, relative to the want of room in his office, which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

The Engrossed Bills, “In further addition to an Act establishing the City of Salem,”

“To incorporate the Blackstone Athenæum,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,) and

“To extend the time for the construction of the Barrington and North Brookfield Railroad,”

and the time for the construction of the West-Railroad,"

severally originated in the Senate,)

all passed to be enacted, and were sent to

passed Resolve, "Relative to the observance
day of Washington,"

originated in the House of Representatives,)

and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

Annual Report of the State Almshouse at Bridge-

Annual Report of the State Lunatic Hos-
pital,

referred to the Committee on Public
Institutions.

Constrance of Jacob H. Loud and others,
Petition of Caleb Morton and others, was
referred to the Committee on Towns.

Resolution of the Webster Fire and Marine Insur-
ance Company, for extension of time to pay in capital
referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs
and passed, severally in concurrence.

Orders of Notice were issued, in concurrence, on the several Petitions of

Anna Hunnewell and others,
Benjamin Shurtleff and others,
Benjamin H. Breitt and Barnabas Young,
Elisha A. Fuller and others, and
The Fort Hill Corporation.

Ordered, in concurrence, that the Petitions of

David Campbell and others,
George Marston and others,
The Directors of the Dorchester Avenue Railroad
Company,
The Lexington and West Cambridge Railroad
Company, and
The Boston and Lowell Railroad Company,

be taken from the files and recommitted to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

The Report of the Joint Committee on Accounts on the Annual Report of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of the expenses of his office, and

The Report of the Joint Committee on Banks and Banking, on the Report of the Receivers of Grocers Bank, that no legislation is necessary thereon,

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

amend an Act, entitled an Act to authorize
and Lowell Railroad Company to alter the
of a bridge and the location thereof, passed
y-first day of May, in the year one thousand
d and fifty-five," and

ve of the year one thousand eight hundred
e, providing for an Amendment to the Con-
ative to Eligibility to Office ; and also,

Resolve of the year one thousand eight hun-
ty-six, providing for an Amendment to the
relative to Eligibility for Office,

erally read and ordered to a second reading.

to assignment, at twelve o'clock, M., the
in, and the two branches went into Con-
the purpose of choosing a Director of the
ilroad Corporation, on the part of the Com-
and the votes having been taken and counted,
that

BOURNE, Jr., of New Bedford, was elected.

ness for which the two branches had convened
accomplished, the Convention dissolved, and
withdrew.

, of Boston, moved a reconsideration of the
y the Bill, " Relating to the venue of certain
as ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Gilbert, of New Bedford, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Bill, "Concerning the compensation of Bank Commissioners," was refused a third reading.

Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Bill, "Concerning Guardians and Wards," was indefinitely postponed.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House rejected the Order of Mr. Baxter, of Quincy, of the eighteenth instant, relative to Passengers' Fares; and after debate, the motion was reconsidered. The Order was then amended, on motion of Mr. Beal, of Boston; and, as amended, adopted, and sent up for concurrence, in terms as follows, viz.:—

Ordered, That the Committee on Railways and Canals inquire into the expediency of reporting a Bill, requiring all Railroad Companies in this Commonwealth, to give six months' notice, at least, before raising the price of passenger fares on their roads; and of restricting the speed of passenger trains, in running time not to exceed twenty miles per hour, and freight trains not to exceed ten miles per hour.

Sent up for concurrence.

matter in the Orders of the Day, viz.:—The Senate Bill, “In addition to an Act concerning Duties and Rights of Jurors,” that the same pass, was taken up, the question being first offered by Mr. Littlefield, of Fox-
en on the rejection of the Bill.

on, of Fall River, raised a point of order, andment offered by Mr. Littlefield, of Fox-
ot in order, and the Speaker ruled that the
er was well taken.

ion then recurred on the rejection of the
er debate, Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, moved the
estion, which motion the Speaker decided was

le then appealed from the decision of the
after debate, and with the consent of the
Hale withdrew the appeal, and,

n of Mr. Ritchie, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

ling to adjournment.

s offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

al of yesterday was read.

nt, of Scituate, presented the Petition of
mbs and others, in aid of the Petition of
n of Marshpee.

o the Committee on Parishes and Religious

of Boston, presented the Petition of Wen-
and others, to establish an Asylum for Ine-

o the Committee on Public Charitable Insti-

, of Chatham, presented the Petition of
erson and others, of Chatham, and

erson, of Harwich, the Petition of N. D.
others, severally in aid of the Petition of
ston and others, for incorporation of the
Cape Cod Marine Telegraph Company.

an, of Boston, presented the Remonstrance
in and Company, against the Petition of the
Water Works.

Mr. Earle, of Swanzey, presented the Petition of Joseph G. Luther and others, for an Act incorporating the Fall River and Warren Railroad Company.

Severally referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Mr. Orcutt, of Chelsea, presented the Petition of W. E. P. Haskell and John Low, in aid of the Petition of John Fenno and others, for the annexation of Chelsea to Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. Phelps, of Springfield, presented the Petition of the Chicopee Bank, for increase of capital.

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Ford, of West Stockbridge, presented the Petition of Barzilla Benedict and others, for relief from taxation on bank stock, &c., owned out of the State.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Ritchie, of Boston, presented the Remonstrance of Francis Jackson and others, against the repeal of the law giving to juries the right to judge of law as well as fact.

Read, and laid on the table.

of Mr. Burbank, of Boston, the Statement
of the Expenses in regard to the En-
the State House, was taken from the table,
to the Committee on Public Buildings; and,

of the same gentleman, the Bill in addition
incorporate the Bank of Mutual Redemp-
n from the table, and placed in the Orders

of Mr. Holbrook, of Braintree,

that the Committee on Banks and Banking
to inquire what further legislation, if any,
in relation to the taxation of deposits in
or savings.

on, from the Committee on Banks and
the Order relative to the expediency of re-
amount of the loans by the banks in this
h to individuals, reported that it is inexpe-
ate thereon.

n, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to
ferred the Order of Mr. Sever, of Boston,
enth ultimo, relative to an Act to protect
f married women, reported that it is inex-
late thereon.

aced in the Orders of the Day.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Order of Mr. Loring, of Marlboro', relative to the expediency of reporting a Bill for the appointment of Trial Justices, in the several counties, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Accepted.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Order of Mr. Adams, of North Brookfield, of the ninth instant, relative to authorizing County Commissioners to administer oaths, reported

A Bill "To authorize County Commissioners to administer oaths and affirmations."

Mr. Strickland, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred the Petition of Jared Benson and others, reported

A "Resolve on the Petition of Jared Benson and others."

Mr. Turner, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the Petition of James Savage, Robert C. Winthrop, and F. B. Crowninshield, reported

A Bill "In addition to an Act relating to Saving Banks."

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on
“ Relating to the unlawful use of private
property, that the same ought to pass.

and time, and ordered to a third reading.

Papers from the Senate.

of J. W. Wolcott and others, relative to
the Bristol Turnpike Corporation, was re-
ferred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges, in con-

concurrence, that the Committee on Edu-
cation report into the expediency of increasing the
property which may be held by Libraries and
under chapter forty-one of the Revised Statutes.
The Committee on Education report into the expediency of allowing Literary
Societies latitude in the choice of their corporate

that the Committee on Banks and Banking be in-
structed to consider the expediency of passing a law
authorizing Savings Banks of this Commonwealth to
deposit more than one-half of all their deposits in State,
County or Town Scrip, or in notes secured by mort-
gage on Real Estate within this Commonwealth.

The Report, "inexpedient to legislate," of the Joint Committee on Railways and Canals, on the Order of Mr. Slade, of Fall River, of the fourteenth instant, relative to Railroad Tickets, and

The Report, "inexpedient to legislate," of the Committee on Agriculture, on the Senate Order of the eighteenth ultimo, relative to Agricultural Exhibitions, and

The Report, "inexpedient to legislate," on the Statement of the Bank Commissioners' Salaries, were severally read and placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Bill, "To incorporate the Bowdoin Literary Association of Dorchester," and

The Resolve, "Providing for an Amendment to the Constitution, relative to the qualifications of voters,"

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Bill relating to the venue of certain actions, was ordered to a third reading, and the vote having been taken, it was decided in the negative.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Bill concerning the compensation of Bank Commissioners was refused a third reading, was, at the request of Mr. Austin, of Boston, passed over.

to reconsider the vote whereby the Bill, "Guardians and Wards," was indefinitely postponed, after debate, decided in the negative.

Matter in the Orders of the Day, viz. :—

Senate Bill, "In addition to an Act concerning the Duties and Rights of Jurors," (Senate Doc. No. 100, 35th Cong., 2d Sess., 1858-59,) that the same ought *not* to pass, was brought up, the question being on the rejection of the

Speaker, of Boston, inquired if the Previous Question should be in order at this time.

The Speaker stated that the House would remember, that when a motion for the Previous Question was made, he had stated that he had not had an opportunity to examine the authorities upon the point, but that he had formed the opinion, that it had been the usage of the House, for many years, to exclude all motions enumerated in the Rules of the House, from application to the Previous Question, as provided for in the fifty-second Rule, under which the House is now acting. That the Chair was aware that this was not in accordance with the well-known parliamentary law, that the Previous Question was appli-

cable to nearly if not all debatable questions, and that if no objection was made, the motion would be put.

Objection having been made, the Chair said that while this doubt existed, he would rule, for the purposes of the present occasion, that the Previous Question could not be admitted at that stage of the question.

Since the adjournment, the Chair had examined the subject, and was of opinion that the Previous Question being in the nature of a *call*, like the call for the yeas and nays, the latter referring to the *manner*, the former to the *time* of taking a question, both being incidental and matters of *form*, could not properly be considered one of the motions which were excluded by usage, from application to the case arising under the fifty-second Rule. The motion would, therefore, be entertained, if made.

The Speaker added, he trusted the House would believe that in any rulings, or in the revision of any rulings he might be called upon to make, he would cherish only the single purpose of aiding the House in conducting business according to established usage, and in a manner to give the greatest promptness and efficiency to its legislative will.

of Boston, then called for the Previous which was ordered, and the Main Question put, it was decided in the negative, and the Bill returned to its second reading, in course.

Bill relating to the Massachusetts Records," &c.

In addition to several Acts, to secure a Department of Statistics and Statistical Information," was then taken up, the question being first on the amendment of the Bill of Brighton; then on the amendment of the Bill of Boston; and then on ordering to a third reading.

The amendment offered by Mr. Warren, was adopted. The question then recurred on the amendment offered by Mr. Dyer, of Boston, to amend; and after debate, the amendment was adopted, and the Bill was ordered to a third reading.

of Mr. Austin, of Boston,

That when the House adjourns, it adjourn to meet at ten and three-fourths o'clock, to-morrow.

of Mr. Swallow, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

ing to adjournment.

offered by the Chaplain.

al of yesterday was read.

of North Chelsea, presented the Remon-
George A. Tapley and others, against the Pe-
jamin Shurtleff and others.

the Committee on Towns.

on, of Provincetown, presented the Petition
Smith and others, in aid of the Petition of
on and others.

the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Hale, of Boston, presented the Petition of
Richardson and Company and others, for
to the Insolvent Laws.

the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and

ent up for concurrence.

Pursuant to assignment, at twelve o'clock, M., the Senate came in, and, the two branches being in Convention, in accordance with a Resolve of the Legislature, Committee was chosen to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, the Honorable Council, and the heads of the different departments of Government, and inform them that the two branches are in readiness to unite with them in the commemoration of the Birthday of Washington. And soon after, the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, and the Honorable Council, with the heads of the different departments of Government, came in; and prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate. The President of the Senate, Honorable Elihu C. Baker, then proceeded to read the Farewell Address of .

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

After which, the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, the Honorable Council, and the heads of the different departments of the Government, withdrew. And the purpose for which the two branches were convened having been accomplished, the Convention dissolved, and the Senate withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River,

The House

Adjourned.

g to adjournment.

ferred by Mr. Jones, member from Read-

of yesterday was read.

Reading, presented the Petition of C.
ers, for leave to fence the Common in

Stoneham, presented the Remonstrance
ad others, of Stoneham, against the Pe-
Warren and others, for setting off of a
m and annexing the same to South Read-

ferred to the Committee on Towns.

Chicopee, presented the Petition of An-
nd others, in aid of the Petition of James
nd others.

of Danvers, presented the Petition of
nd citizens of the town of Danvers, in
orial of the Danvers Railroad Company.

ferred to the Committee on Railways and

Mr. Cook, of Gloucester, presented the Petition of David Low, to extend George Parkhurst's wharf in Gloucester.

Mr. Brewster, of Boston, presented the Petition of John Curtis and others, for liberty to extend their wharf in Boston.

Severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. Endicott, of Boston, presented the Petition of the Maverick Bank, in Boston, for change of location.

Mr. Cooley, of Conway, presented the Petition of the Conway Bank, for increase of capital.

Severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. Burbank, of Boston, presented the Remonstrance of Josiah Bradlee, James Lee and Company, and other firms and individuals in Boston, against the suppression of bills of a less denomination than five dollars.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

of Chelmsford, presented the Petition of
and others, of Chelmsford, for a law in re-
surement and sale of milk.

the Committee on Agriculture.

up for concurrence.

Mr. Sever, of Boston, the Annual Re-
tor of Accounts, for the year one thou-
red and fifty-five, was taken from the
l to the Committee on Finance.

of Boston, presented the Petition of
and others, for the repeal of the Usury
e in this Commonwealth.

the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Freeland, of West Springfield,

the Committee on Public Charitable
structed to inquire into the expediency
tion nine of chapter forty-eight of the
relating to the settlement and support

Mr. Freeman, of Orleans,

the Committee on Railways and Canals
consider the expediency of reporting a

Bill to prevent any Director from granting a free ticket or pass over any railroad in this State, where the State is a stockholder.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire what further legislation, if any, is necessary in relation to the Trustee Process; also,

That the Committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing by law, that in all criminal actions before any police court in this Commonwealth the witnesses for the government shall be paid their travel and attendance by the Clerk of said court, when it has a Clerk, and by the Justice of said court in the absence of a Clerk, and immediately after the trial of the case in which they have testified shall have been closed.

On motion of Mr. Clapp, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Insurance Commissioners be instructed to prepare and furnish for the use of the Legislature, an abstract of the present condition of all the Loan and Fund Associations, examined by them in the Commonwealth.

and, of Worcester, offered the following Or-

That His Excellency, the Governor of the
 State, be requested to inform the House of
 Representatives if he has received, in his official capacity,
 any communication in relation to the Territory of Kan-
 sas which is incompatible with the public interest, that
 he may communicate the same to the House.

Under the Rule.

Report from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs
 on the Petition of the Morning Star
 Society of New Bedford, reported,

Petitioners have leave to withdraw.

concurrency.

Report from the Committee on Elections, on the
 petition of Edward W. Hinks, and William M. Cornell,
 Majority and Minority Report, which were
 laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Report from the Committee on the Judiciary, on
 the petition of Mr. Lawrence, of Cambridge, of the twen-

ty-first ult., relative to the repealing of an Act providing for the maintenance of wives whose husbands are under guardianship for Idiocy or Insanity, reported

A Bill to repeal the four hundred and fifty-eighth chapter of the Acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

Mr. Swan, from the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on the Petition of the Wardens of Trinity Church, in Bridgewater, reported

A Bill, in addition to an Act entitled, "An Act to incorporate Trinity Church, in the Town of Bridgewater."

Severally read and ordered to a second reading, and the latter ordered to be printed.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of Henry W. Benchley and others, for the passage of a law establishing a Board of Railroad Commissioners, for certain purposes, was referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

The Remonstrance of John K. Hall and others, in the matters of legislation of the hours of banks in Boston and

The Petitions of P. and J. P. Howes and Company and others,

on of J. W. Paige and Company and others,

on of F. Skinner and Company and others,

on of Butler, Keith and Hill, and others,

in aid of the Petition of the Webster Bank,

generally referred to the Committee on Banks

in concurrence.

Notice were issued, in concurrence, on the
ions of

David Grove, and

Abel Prescott and others.

in concurrence, That the Committee on
Banking, be instructed to inquire into the
of calling on the officers of such Banks as
increase of Capital Stock, for information as
portion of their loans are loaned out of the
what proportion of their bills paid out on
nted, are taken out of the State and put into
also,

Committee on Banks and Banking consider
upon the expediency of more stringent laws

in relation to the subject of the charging of usurious interest by the Banks on their loans ; also,

That the Clerk of the Senate be directed to ' notify Jonathan Bourne, Jr., of New Bedford, that he has been elected a Director of the Western Railroad, on the part of the Commonwealth ; also,

That the Petitions of

E. R. Warren and others,
Samuel C. Parsons,
Benjamin Shurtleff and others,
John Darling and others,
Anna Hunnewell and others,
Elisha Fuller and others,

be taken from the files and recommitted to the Joint Committee on Towns ; ' also,

That the Petitions of

Charles H. Gooding and others,
H. Williams and others, and
The East Boston Free Bridge,

be taken from the files and recommitted to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

An Order relative to printing five hundred copies of Rev. Mr. Miller's speech before the Board of Overseas of Harvard College, was non-concurred in.

“inexpedient to legislate,” of the Committee on the Order of D. A. Titcomb, of the twenty-first ultimo, relative to furnish schools with necessary school books, and

“inexpedient to legislate,” of the Committee on the Senate Order relative to the statement of affairs by Manufacturing

ally placed in the Orders of the Day.

ve on the Petition of John L. Priest and read and referred to the Committee on the

“To regulate the construction of Fish head and ordered to a second reading.

s of the Day were then taken up, and on Mr. Littlefield, of Foxboro', the undebatable first considered, in their order, and

olve relating to the Massachusetts Convention hundred and eighty-eight,” was read and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for con-

The Senate Bill, "extending the time for the construction of the Boston and New York Central Railroad," was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bills, "relating to the Venue of Certain Actions,"

"In addition to several Acts to secure a Decennial Census and Statistical Information," and

The "Resolves of eighteen hundred and fifty-five, providing for an Amendment to the Constitution relative to Eligibility to Office," were severally passed over.

The Report, "inexpedient to legislate," of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Sever, of Boston, relative to an Act to protect the Property of Married Women," was accepted.

The Report, "leave to withdraw," of the Committee on Towns, on the Petition of the Selectmen of the town of Marion, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Senate Reports, "inexpedient to legislate," on the Senate Order, of January eighteenth, relative to Agricultural Exhibitions,

"On the Order of Mr. Slade, of Fall River, relative to Railroad Tickets,"

"On the Statement of the Bank Commissioners' Salaries,"

y accepted, in concurrence.

Bill, "To amend an Act, entitled, an Act
e Boston and Lowell Railroad Company
nstruction of a bridge, and the location
on the twenty-first day of May, one thou-
red and fifty-five;" and

Bills, "In addition to an Act relating to

ze County Commissioners to administer
and

"On the Petition of Jared Benson and

Bill, "To incorporate the Bowdoin Liter-
of Dorchester," and

To establish the office of Assistant-Attor-
nty of Suffolk,"

e in force an Act to incorporate the Dan-
re Insurance Company, and to change the
of the same,"

ly read a second time, and ordered to a

f Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, the Orders
e laid on the table.

The Engrossed Resolve, "In favor of the Astor Library,"

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Was passed, and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Bills, "Concerning the Boston and New York Central Railroad Company,"

(Which originated in the Senate,)

"Relating to the appointment of Trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital," and

"To incorporate the Clinton Steam-Power Company,"

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River,

Ordered, That when this House adjourns, it be adjourned to Monday, at twelve o'clock, M.

On motion of Mr. Weeks, of Lowell,

The House

Adjourned.

ing to adjournment.

ffered by the Chaplain.

of Saturday was read.

, of Lowell, presented the Remonstrance
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strance of the Directors of the Lowell
Company, and

trance of A. Wheeler and others, and

trance of A. S. Brooks and others,

ainst the Petition of the Boston and Lowell
any, for leave to build a Branch Railroad
Lowell.

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d and others.

, of Milton, presented the Remonstrance
yder and others, against the Petition of
n and others.

ferred to the Committee on Railways and

Mr. Gale, of Lawrence, presented the Petition of the Fayette Mutual Fire Insurance Company, for power to issue policies, as companies do with a specific capital.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. Pratt, of Grafton, presented the Petition of W. Slocum and others, to be incorporated as the Grafton Gas Light Company.

Mr. Brown, of Cheshire, presented the Petition of T. Whipple and others, for an Act of incorporation of the Berkshire Paper Mills.

Severally referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Bowker, of Hopkinton, presented the Petition of Aaron Smith, of Hopkinton, for an alteration of the line between Hopkinton and Ashland.

Referred to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. Vinson, of Edgartown, presented the Petition of Benjamin Worth and others, for an Act to prevent the seining of fish in the harbor or waters of said town.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Mr. Lewis, of Fairhaven, presented the Remonstrance of Isaiah F. Terry, Job C. Tripp and others, against the suppression of bank bills of a less denomination than five dollars.

the Committee on Banks and Banking.

of Mr. Smith, of Chicopee,

that the Committee on Education be inquire what further legislation is necessary an Act concerning Truant Children and School, passed May third, eighteen hundred and report by Bill, or otherwise.

of Mr. Vose, of Boston, the Report of the warden, Chaplain, and Physician of the State taken from the table and referred to the Prisons.

of Mr. Burbank, of Boston, the Petition of Carson and others, that lines of extension between proprietors on the Northerly Boston, was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and In-

at up for concurrence.

of Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester,

that the Clerk of this House cause to be under his supervision, the General Index of the House, up to the close of the present session, and to prepare a General Index of the files of similar to the General Index of the Senate.

The Order of Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, of the twenty-third instant, relative to inquiring of the Governor if he has received, in his official capacity, any information relative to the Territory of Kansas, was taken up and adopted.

Mr. Pollard, of Taunton, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House refused to concur with the Senate, in an Order to print the speech of Rev. Rodney A. Miller, D. D., before the Overseers of Harvard University.

Placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Vose, of Boston, the Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of Thomas P. Rich, was taken from the table and placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Waters, of Beverly, on leave, introduced a Resolve in favor of the State Farm at Westboro', which was read, and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Crane, from the Committee on Leave of Absence, reported

Leave of absence to Mr. Guild, of Roxbury, for the remainder of the session, from the twentieth instant.

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Brayton, from the Committee on Bills in the reading, on the Bill entitled an Act to continue an Act to incorporate the Danvers Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and to change the corporate name, reported that the Bill be recommitted to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, the same correctly drawn.

Reports were severally accepted.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the Inspectors of Rainsford Island, and
petition of the County Commissioners of Middle-
sex, the Overseers and Superintendent of the House
of Correction, for the repeal of the statute requiring
the State to provide Receptacles for the Insane,

severally referred to the Committee on Public
Institutions.

allly in concurrence.

ed, in concurrence, That the Committee on Rail-
road Canals consider and report upon the expedi-
ency of modifying the law which requires trains to stop
at all crossings, so far as to require those compa-
nies, to stop their trains, which have laid their rails

across the tracks of other railroads, and to prohibit the stopping of any part of a train across the line of any other railroad.

Orders of Notice were issued, in concurrence, on the several Petitions of

The County Commissioners of the County of Bristol,
Marcus Morton, Jr. and others, and
Joseph Friend and Company.

The Report, "inexpedient to legislate," on the Order of Mr. Holbrook, of Braintree, of the eighth instant, was accepted, in concurrence.

A Resolve, providing for an Article of Amendment to the Constitution, relative to the Right of Suffrage, was read, and ordered to a second reading.

The Bill, "In addition to an Act in relation to Female Convicts," came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, which was adopted, in concurrence.

The Speaker appointed Mr. Hinds, of Boston, on the Committee on Engrossed Bills, in place of Mr. Guild, of Roxbury.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the Resolve of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, pro-

viding for an Amendment to the Constitution relative to Eligibility to Office, was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Report, "inexpedient to legislate," of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the Order relative to restricting loans of banks to individuals, was accepted, in concurrence.

The Senate Bill, "In addition to an Act to incorporate the Bank of Mutual Redemption," was then taken up and read a second time. The question then recurred on ordering the Bill to a third reading, pending which, the Bill was amended by striking out the fifth and sixth sections. Mr. Turner, of Brookline, offered a further amendment, to strike out the seventh section, pending the question on which, on motion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, the further consideration of the Bill was specially assigned to Friday next, at twelve o'clock, M.

The Bill, "In relation to the unlawful use of Private Property," was then taken up, the question being on ordering the Bill to be engrossed. The Bill was read a third time, amended, on motion of Mr. Wilkinson, of Dedham, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Resolve, "Providing for an Amendment to the Constitution, relative to the Qualifications of Voters,"

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was, on motion of Mr. Dyer, of Boston, specially assigned for consideration on Friday next, at one o'clock, P. M.

The Orders of the Day were then laid on the table.

Mr. Austin, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the Bill "To continue in force an Act to incorporate the Danvers Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and to change the corporate name of the same," reported the same Bill in a new draft. The Bill was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. T. P. Hale, of Boston, moved that the House do now adjourn, and the vote having been taken, it was decided in the affirmative, and the Speaker declared the House adjourned till to-morrow, at twelve o'clock, M.

According to adjournment.

was offered by Mr. Burt, member from Lowell.

Journal of yesterday was read.

Webber, of Marblehead, presented the Remon-
of the Town of Marblehead, against the Petition
B. Clark and others.

red to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of Lathrop, Davis and others, in aid of
tion of George Marston and others.

red to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Hall, of Boston, presented the Petition of Frank-
e and others, in aid of the Bill for the increase
ay of the Bank Commissioners.

red to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Story, of Somerville, presented the Petition of
ll Billings, in behalf of the Pilgrim Society of
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red to the Committee on Education.

ally sent up for concurrence.

P. C. Jones, of Boston, presented the Petition of
oward, of Boston, for Divorce.

red to the Committee on Probate and Chancery.

Mr. Knight, of Marblehead, presented the Petition of Ephraim Brown, of Marblehead, that the County Commissioners of Essex County may be empowered to lay out a highway over River Head Beach, in Marblehead.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Stone, of Charlestown,

Ordered, That until otherwise ordered, the hour for the House to meet shall be fixed at eleven o'clock, in the morning, except on Monday mornings, which shall be at twelve o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of passing an Act authorizing the Governor to appoint Commissioners for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in foreign countries.

Mr. Crane, from the Committee on Leave of Absence, reported leave of absence to Mr. Upham, of Dorchester, for the remainder of this week, which report was accepted.

Mr. Mixer, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the Petition of Thomas Hopkinson, reported

to incorporate the New England Railroad Com-

e gentleman, from the same committee, on the
John Howe and others, reported

to accept the surrender of the charter of the
Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

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cieties, on the Petition of the Selectmen of
in behalf of the Marshpee Indians, reported

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Papers from the Senate.

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onstrance of J. S. Eaton and others, of South
gainst setting off a part of the town of Stone-
nnexing the same to South Reading, as prayed
R. Warren and others, was referred to the
on Towns.

The Petition of the Mercantile Library Association for an Amendment of their Act of incorporation, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Severally in concurrence.

Orders of Notice were issued, in concurrence, on the several Petitions of

The Essex Merrimack Bridge Company, for repeal of an Act of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five

The Agricultural Branch Railroad,

The Proprietors of the Lawrence Bridge, for a change in the Tariff of Tolls on said bridge,

The Mayor of the city of Boston, for authority to extend Albany Street, in said city, and

The Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation, for a change of Tolls on the Western Avenue.

The Report, "inexpedient to legislate," on the Order of Mr. Williams, of Boston, relative to the speed of railway trains, and

The Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of Isaac Baker and others, and

The Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of M. Field Fowler and others,

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill, "Relative to the Examination of Private Schools," was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

ial Assignment was then taken up, the same
Resolve providing for an Amendment of the
relative to the Abolition of Imprisonment
the question being on agreeing to the final pas-
Resolve, as provided by the Constitution.
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ne Yeas, and two hundred and one Nays, and
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voted in favor thereof, as required by the Con-
e said Resolve and Article of Amendment
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Resolve and Article of Amendment are as

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Six.

R E S O L V E

for an Amendment to the Constitution, rela-
the Abolition of Imprisonment for Debt.

, by both Houses, the same being agreed to
rity of the Senators, and two-thirds of the
f the House, present and voting thereon,—

That it is expedient to alter the Constitution of this Commonwealth, by adopting the subjoined Article of Amendment, and that the same, as thus agreed to, be entered on the Journals of the two Houses, with the yeas and nays taken thereon, and referred to the General Court next to be chosen, and that the same be published to the end that if agreed to by the General Court next to be chosen, in the manner provided by the Constitution, it may be submitted to the people for their ratification, in order that it may become part of the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

No person shall be imprisoned for any debt hereafter contracted, except in cases of fraud.

The Yeas and Nays, on agreeing to the said Resolution and Article of Amendment, are as follows:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Andrews

Austin
Batchelder, G.
Batchelder, S.
Baxter, W. W.
Beal, G., Jr.
Bosworth
Bowker
Burt

Messrs. Calef

Clapp
Clifford
Coburn
Cole, S.
Davenport
Freeman
French
Gardner

Messrs. Robinson, J. D.

	Roby
	Rockwood
	Russell, J. W.
	Sears
	Shepard
	Smith, S. H., Jr.
J.	Snow
N	Sparrell
	Stone
	Story, I.
	Vose
	Webb
I. Jr.	Weeks
	White, T. S.
M.	Whiton
, J.	

Nays.

bbie	Messrs. Beal, James H.
Edwin	Blair
Levi	Blake
divester	Blood
n	Boyce
	Brayton
	Brewster
	Briggs, Elkanah
	Briggs, Henry S.
	Brooks
	Brown

Messrs. Burbank

Burrill
Case
Chamberlain
Chapin
Child, Amos
Child, William P.
Codman
Colton
Conant
Converse, Alfred L.
Converse, W. B.
Cook
Cooley
Crane
Crocker
Crosby
Davis, Abiel
Davis, Jervis
Dean
Dennie
Devereux
Dunton
Dupee
Dyer, Daniel
Earl
Edwards
Emerson
Emery
Endicott
Estes
Faulkner

Messrs. Felch

Fenno
Fessenden
Fletcher
Floyd
Ford
Foster
Freeland
Gale
Gaston
Gavitt
Gilbert
Godfrey
Goff
Gordon
Goulding
Goss
Hagar
Hale, Charles
Hale, Theodore P.
Hall, Franklin
Hall, Samuel W.
Hammond, Amitta B.
Hammond, Daniel
Hammond, Edward
Handley
Hartwell
Haviland
Healy
Hero
Herrick
Heustis

Messrs. Mixer

	Moore
	Morrill
	Mudge
	Murdock
	Nickerson
	Nutter
	Nye
	Parker, John W.
	Parker, William
William F.	Parsons, Elisha T.
Nathan	Parsons, Samuel L.
eter C.	Pearce
lbridge	Phillips
armenus	Pike
	Pitman
	Plummer
	Pomeroy
Asa F.	Poor
	Porter,
Daniel J.	Potter
Hollis	Pratt, A., Jr.
	Pratt, L.
	Pratte
	Read
ice	Reed
	Rhodes
d	Rice
	Ritchie
	Robbins
	Robinson, S. W.
	Rogers, J. W.

Messrs. Russell, G. W.

Sawyer, J., 2d.

Sawyer, M., 2d

Sever

Slade

Smith, Heman

Smith, Hiram

Smith, J. H.

Smith, M.

Standish

Stebbins

Stevens

Stoddard

Stratton

Swallow

Swan

Taft, C. A.

Taylor, C. J.

Tarbell

Tenney, J.

Thatcher

Thacher

Thaxter

Thomas

Thurston

Tilton

Messrs. Titcomb

Torrey

Towne

Turner

Usher

Vinson

Walker

Ward

Waters

Webber

Weld

Wells

West

Weston

Wheeler, A. B.

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White, M.

Whitney, H. G.

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report, upon the expediency of so amending

the thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth sections of the twenty-third chapter of the Revised Statutes of this Commonwealth, so that in the assessment of school tax, the real estate of a non-resident owner shall be taxed to such owner in the school districts in which the same is situated.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending the ninth section of the one hundred and twentieth chapter of the Revised Statutes, that if a person against whom a cause of action shall have accrued, shall, after the time of the accruing of the action, be absent from the State two years or more continuously, the time of such absence shall not be taken as any part of the time limited for the commencement.

On motion of Mr. Potter, of Dartmouth,

Ordered, That a Joint Special Committee be appointed to consider and report if any, and, if so, what commissions now existing in the Commonwealth, may be dispensed with.

Sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received from the Serjeant-at-Arms, and the Committee on Public Buildings, relative to expenses incurred by them in furnishing rooms in the State House, which was read, referred to the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed.

oks, of Worcester, moved a reconsideration of
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Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of Rodney Smith and others, for an Act of incorporation for the purpose of manufacturing paper at Holyoke, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the Committee on Prisons inquire into the expediency of placing the Houses of Correction in the different counties, under the care of the Sheriffs of the County in which they are situated.

An Order of Notice was issued, in concurrence, on the Petition of C. F. and E. R. Dunham.

The Reports "leave to withdraw" on the several Petitions of

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Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The House non-concurred in the Senate reference of "Resolves in relation to the Territory of Kansas," to a Joint Special Committee, consisting of five on the part of the Senate, and one from each Congressional District on the part of the House.

The Bill concerning the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad Company, was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Bill "To protect the Fisheries in Ipswich River, in the towns of Hamilton, Wenham, Topsfield, Boxford, and Middleton," was read and ordered to a second reading.

The Engrossed Bills, "Amending the forty-ninth chapter of the Revised Statutes, respecting the manner of sureties surrendering their principals in bail bonds,"

"To change the corporate name of the Plympton Branch Railroad Company,"

(Which severally originated in the House,) and

"Extending the time for the construction of the New York Central Railroad,"

(Which originated in the Senate,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and were sent to the Senate.

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College, was, on motion of Mr. Wells, of Stockbridge, indefinitely postponed.

The Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of Thomas P. Rich, was accepted.

The Resolve, "Relating to the Massachusetts Records," were read a second time, amended, and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate Bill, "In addition to an Act concerning the Duties and Rights of Jurors," was then taken up and read a second time. The question was then stated on ordering the same to a third reading.

An amendment was offered to the Bill by Mr. Austin, of Boston, on which the Yeas and Nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. Vose, of Boston; but before taking the question,

On motion of Mr. Robinson, of Lexington, .

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Pollard, of Taunton, presented the Petition of N. Tillinghast, Principal of the Normal School at Bridgewater, for an appropriation from the State on account of a deficiency of salary, and the expenses of extra assistance in instruction.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Hammond, of Rochester, presented the Petition of R. L. Barstow and others, against any Act preventing the circulation of bank bills under five dollars.

Mr. Hawkes, of Adams, presented the Petition of the Adams Bank, for increase of capital.

Severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. Haynes, of Dorchester, presented the Petition of the Dorchester and Milton Extension Railroad Company, for further time to construct their road.

Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, presented the Petition of

according to adjournment.

was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

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the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Corporation, to extend the time for the construction of their road.

Severally referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Mr. Austin, of Boston, presented the Petition of Solomon Piper, for leave to extend his wharf.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. Taggart, of Haverhill, presented the Petition of L. Maynard and others, to be set off from Haverhill and annexed to Bradford.

Referred to the Committee on Towns.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Robinson, of Charlestown, presented the Petition of Lydia V. Dickinson, that she may inherit the property of Elizabeth Lewis, she having died without a will, or legal heirs.

Referred to the Committee on Probate and Chancery.

Mr. Nye, of Sandwich, presented the Petition of Charles Marston, Treasurer of the Herring Pond Indians, asking aid for the School in that place, and the Indian District.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

tion of Mr. Hinds, of Boston,

d, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs
rance, be instructed to consider what further
is necessary, if any, relating to Joint Stock
s formed under the provisions of the one hun-
thirty-third chapter of the Acts passed in the
thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and the
ddition thereto.

o for concurrence.

tion of Mr. Temple, of Framingham, under a
n of the Rules, the vote whereby the House
rred in the Senate reference of the Resolves
o the Territory of Kansas, was reconsidered.

uestion then recurred on concurring with the
their reference. On motion of the same gen-
e reference was amended by striking out the
one from each Congressional District," and in-
one from each County," and the reference, as
was concurred in, and sent up for concurrence.

tion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, leave was
o the Committee on Elections to sit during the
the House.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of E. G. Stephens and others, in aid of the Petition of J. W. Converse and others, to have a part of Stoneham annexed to South Reading, was referred to the Committee on Towns, in concurrence.

The Report "inexpedient to legislate," of the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the Senate Order relative to the support of Indians in the State Almshouses, was accepted, in concurrence.

Orders of Notice were issued, in concurrence, on the several Petitions of

Charles Smith and others, and

J. W. Wolcott and others.

The Bills, "In addition to an Act to incorporate the Young Men's Library Association of Worcester,"

"To allow the Suffolk Bank in Boston to increase their investment in Real Estate,"

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The Bill in addition to an "Act to incorporate the Proprietors of the Rural Cemetery, in Worcester,

Was read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

All "To incorporate the Duston Monument Association" came down from the Senate, passed to be enacted in concurrence, with an amendment, which was also in concurrence.

Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first being the unfinished business of yesterday, viz. : "In addition to an Act concerning the Duties and Rights of Jurors," the question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Austin, of Boston, but, before taking action,

Report of Mr. Pollard, of Taunton,

The House

Adjourned.

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was offered by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was read.

er, of Boston, moved a reconsideration of the
by the Petition of Charles Marston, Treasurer
ring Pond Plantation, was yesterday referred
Committee on Finance. Under a suspension of
the motion was considered, and the vote hav-
ken, the motion was carried, and the Petition
and referred to the Committee on Education.

ard, of Taunton, presented the Petition of the
onal Society in the Second Precinct of Attle-
or leave to sell real estate, &c.

to the Committee on Parishes and Religious

iton, of Hingham, presented the Remonstrance
earing and others, of the town of Hingham,
suppression of small bills.

to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. Jacobs, of Wellfleet, presented the Selectmen of Wellfleet, for leave to build Duck Creek.

Mr. Howes, of Dennis, presented the Selectmen of the town of Dennis, for an County Commissioners, in all cases where road to be widened, to procure the material expense of the County.

Severally referred to the Committee Bridges.

Mr. Taft, of Worcester, presented the Common Burdon and others, to be set off from Sutton, and annexed to the town of North

Referred to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. York, of Rockport, presented the Rockport Railroad Company, for extension to construct their road.

Mr. Nye, of Sandwich, presented the Peabody Fessenden and others, in aid of George and others.

Severally referred to the Committee on Canals.

ves, of Dennis, presented the Remonstrance of
men of the town of Dennis, as instructed by
against the passage of any Act prohibiting
the setting of nets north of a line drawn from
Point to Monomoy Point, in Barnstable

ard, of Taunton, presented the Petition of the
of Marshpee, in aid of the Petition of J. G.
George Lovell, to protect fisheries.

y referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

y sent up for concurrence.

d, of Winchester, presented the Petition of
croft and others, of Winchester, for a law com-
plaintiffs in civil actions to give bonds for costs.

l to the Committee on the Judiciary.

s, of Worcester, presented the Petition of Cal-
and others, citizens of Warren, relative to the
of Kansas.

d laid on the table.

aker appointed the following gentlemen as the
ial Committee on the part of the House, on the
Mr. Potter, of Dartmouth, of the twenty-
stant, relative to Commissions, viz. :—

Messrs. Potter, of Dartmouth
Emerson, of Boston,
Weld, of Winchester
Baxter, of Quincy, &
Floyd, of Lawrence.

On motion of Mr. Emerson, of Boston

Ordered, That the Joint Special Committee on Intemperance, under consideration so much of the Governor's message as relates to Intemperance, consider the expediency of repealing the Act approved May twenty-one, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, chapter forty-seven.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hills, of Cambridge

Ordered, That the Committee on Probate and Notaries Public inquire into the expediency of enabling Probate Judges to act in the settlement of estates of deceased persons, in cases where the original claim or probate of wills of such deceased persons shall exceed one hundred dollars.

On motion of Mr. Jones, of Reading,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to consider the expediency of protecting Manufacturers against the loss of their property by embezzlement, while intrusted to their work.

on of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River,

, That when this House adjourns, it be adjourned to meet again on Tuesday next, March fourth, at five o'clock, M.

wkes, of Adams, offered the following Order, which was rejected :—

, That a Committee of Five be appointed, to consider the propriety of making all persons who keep houses or places where idleness or dissipation is encouraged and fostered, responsible for the expenses spent through their instrumentality, to such persons as the benefit of such services may be

stin, of Boston, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the Petition of John Pew, reported

“To authorize John Pew to extend his wharf at Boston.”

Chie, from the Committee on Railways and Canals, on the Petition of the President and Directors of the New York and Westchester Avenue Railroad Company, reported

“In addition to an Act to incorporate the Dutchess County and Westchester Avenue Railroad Company.”

Mr. Hall, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the Petition of the Maverick Bank of Boston, reported

A Bill, "In addition to an Act to incorporate the President, Directors and Company of the Maverick Bank in East Boston."

Mr. Thurston, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the Order of Mr. Stebbins, of Deerfield, of the twenty-first instant, reported

A Bill, "To prevent Bank Officers from voting by proxy."

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Agriculture, on the Petition of Caleb Howard and others, reported

A Bill, "In addition to an Act concerning Beaches in the town of North Chelsea."

Mr. Dyer, from the Committee on Claims, on the Petition of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Newbury, reported

A "Resolve on the Petition of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Newbury."

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the Prison Committee for one thousand
dred and fifty-five, was committed to the Com-
Prisons, in concurrence.

d, in concurrence, That the Committee on the
e directed to inquire what further provision is
to prepare the new Library Room for occupancy
ate Library ; also,

the Committee on Prisons inquire into the expe-
repealing so much of chapter thirty-seven, of
tes of one thousand eight hundred and fifty, as
the ineligibility of the Prison Inspectors to re-
ent.

Report, "leave to withdraw," of the Committee
and Banking, on the Senate Order, "In rela-
a hour for closing the banks of the city of Bos-
," and

Report, "leave to withdraw," from the Committee
ays and Canals, on the Petition of the Metropoli-
oad Company,

severally accepted, in concurrence.

Orders of notice were issued, in concurrence, on the several Petitions of

Joseph G. Luther and others,
John Curtis and others, and
Daniel Low and others.

Bill, "To incorporate the Williams House Company,

Was read and ordered to a second reading.

The Bill, "Respecting Naturalization," came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence with an amendment, which was adopted, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Fessenden, of West Cambridge, the Bill, in addition to several Acts to secure a Decennial Census, and Statistical Information, was discharged from the Orders of the Day, read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and on motion of Mr. Taft, of Worcester, the undebatable matters were first considered.

The Senate Bills, "To regulate the construction of fish weirs,"

"To protect the fisheries in Ipswich River, in the towns of Hamilton, Wenham, Topsfield, Boxford, and Middleton,"

addition to an Act to incorporate the Young
Library Association of Worcester," and

House Bills, "To authorize Parker Burnham,
B. Burnham, and Elias Burnham, to extend their
Railway,"

accept the surrender of the Charter of the Mu-
Insurance Company,"

severally read a second time, and ordered to a
ding.

House Bills, "To establish the office of Assistant-
for the County of Suffolk,"

addition to an Act relating to Savings Banks,"

authorize County Commissioners to administer
office," and

Resolves on the Petition of Jared Benson,"

severally read a third time, passed to be en-
and sent up for concurrence.

enate Bills, "To incorporate the Bowdoin Lit-
association of Dorchester,"

mend an Act, entitled, An Act to authorize the
and Lowell Railroad Company to alter the con-

struction of a bridge and the location thereof, passed on the twenty-first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five," and

The "Resolve on the Petition of John L. Priest and others,"

Were severally read a third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The hour specially assigned for the consideration of the "Bill in addition to an Act to incorporate the Bank of Mutual Redemption," having arrived, the same was postponed for twenty minutes; but, subsequently, the vote was reconsidered, and the House proceeded to the consideration thereof. The question was stated to be on the amendment offered by Mr. Turner, of Brookline, and then on ordering to a third reading; and the vote having been taken, the amendment was adopted. The Bill was further amended, on motion of Messrs. Devereux, of Salem, Briggs, of Pittsfield, and Smith of Chicopee, and the Bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The House, then, pursuant to assignment, proceeded to the consideration of the Resolve of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, providing for an Amendment to the Constitution, relative to the qualifications of voters, and on motion of Mr. Andrews, of Danvers, the same was further assigned to Wednesday next at twelve o'clock, M.

passed "Resolve, relating to the Massachusetts of one thousand seven hundred and

iginated in the House of Representatives,)

d, and sent to the Senate.

passed Bills, "Giving further remedies in

h the office of Assistant-Clerk of the Superior Court, in the County of Suffolk,"

ue in force an Act to incorporate the Hampshire Fire Insurance Company,"

orate the Duston Monument Association,"

verally originated in the House of Representatives

ally passed to be enacted, and were sent to

of Mr. Adams, of New Marlboro',

The House

Adjourned.

According to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

Journal of Friday was read.

Lawyer, of Sterling, presented the Petition of J. Erick and others, of Sterling, in aid of the Petition of W. Work and others.

Referred to the Joint Special Committee on the Division of Worcester County.

Roburn, of Dracut, presented the Petition of A. O. and others, of Dracut, in aid of the Petition of Stettin, for a law regulating the Sale of Milk.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Crocker, of Andover, presented the Petition of Blanchard and others, School Committee of the Town of Wilmington, for said town's proportion of the School Fund.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Marker, of Groton, presented the Remonstrance of Cross and others, against the incorporation of a new town, to be called Fremont.

Referred to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. Dyer, of Boston, presented the Petition of Abner T. Hopkins, for remuneration for injuries sustained on the Charles River Bridge.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Weeks, of Lowell, presented the Petition of Daniel E. Chapin and others, for an Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Worcester County Camp Meeting Association.

Mr. Gordon, of Newbury, presented the Petition of John L. Bailey and others, of the Second Parish of West Newbury, for leave to sell their burial grounds.

Severally referred to the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Mr. Gavitt, of Dighton, presented the Remonstrance of Anthony Shove and others, of Dighton, against the passage of any law to prohibit the issue and circulation of bank notes of a less denomination than five dollars.

Mr. Abercrombie, of Quincy, presented the Remonstrance of Adam Curtis and others, of Quincy ;

Mr. Babcock, of Milton, presented the Remonstrance of Elijah Tucker and others, of Milton ;

Mr. Potter, of Dartmouth, presented the Remonstrance of James Rider and others,

Severally against the suppression of bank bills under the denomination of five dollars.

arren, of Brighton, presented the Petition of
on Market Bank, for increase of capital.

y referred to the Committee on Banks and

ol, of Abington, presented the Remonstrance of
on and others ;

son, of Plymouth, presented the Remonstrance
Nelson and others ;

hson, of Lowell, presented the Remonstrance
W. Swift and others ;

inson, of Edgartown, presented the Remon-
Daniel Fisher and others, of Edgartown, also,
monstrance of Moses Brown and others,

y against the Petition of George Marston and

nes, of Chicopee, presented the Petition of T.
and others ;

graham of South Hadley, presented the Peti-
mos Kellogg and others, of South Hadley ;

ossman, of Springfield, presented the Petition
as King and others ;

Mr. Converse, of Brimfield, presented the Petition of N. Norton and others ;

Mr. Freeland, of West Springfield, presented the Petition of Heber Miller and others ;

Mr. Smith, of Chicopee, presented the Petition of Thomas B. Chapin and others ; •

Mr. Robbins, of Millbury, presented the Petition of James Rose and others, .

Severally in aid of the Petition of James M. Blanchard and others, for leave to build a Railroad from Connecticut State Line to Springfield.

Mr. Poor, of Danvers, presented the Petition of Selectmen and others, citizens of South Danvers, in aid of the Memorial of the Danvers Railroad Company. •

Mr. Smith, of West Roxbury, presented the Petition of Stephen M. Weld and others, of West Roxbury, for an Act of incorporation as the West Roxbury Railroad Company.

Severally referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

er, of Boston, presented the Petition of R. B. and William Appleton and others, for a Nautical the Education of Boys.

and referred to a Joint Special Committee, consisting of Five on the part of the House, with such as may join ; and the Speaker took time to ap-

alkner, of Clinton, presented the Petition of Harris and others, for change of place for holding courts, in the county of Worcester.

ward, of Westford, presented the Petition of Hartwell and others, of the town of Littleton, annexed to the Northern District of Middlesex, for reformation of Deeds.

y referred to the Committee on Probate and

er, of Boston, presented the Petition of John and others for an Act of incorporation.

l to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ion of Mr. Taft, of Worcester,

, That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to consider the expediency of repealing the two hundred and ninety-sixth chapter of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, which required

Agricultural Societies receiving bounty from the State, withhold premiums in certain cases.

The Annual Report of the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth, with accompanying abstracts, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Reed, of Newburyport, the Ninth Annual Report of the Trustees of the State Reform School, at Westboro', with the accompanying Reports of the Officers of the Institution, was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of the same gentleman, the Majority and Minority Reports of the Committee on Elections, on the Petition of Edward W. Hinks and William M. Cornell, were taken from the table, and placed in the Order of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Taft, of Worcester, the communication from the Governor, relative to a communication concerning the Territory of Kansas; also,

Communication from the Governor of Vermont,
Resolutions relative to Kansas,

generally taken from the table and referred to
Special Committee on Resolutions relative to
History of Kansas.

Report sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Annual Report of the Trustees of the State
Hospital at Worcester, was referred to the Com-
mittee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Petition of J. W. Clark and others to be incorpo-
rated as the Framingham Hotel Company, was referred
to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of Tewksbury and Caldwell, for balance
of contract to build the State Almshouse at Mon-
rovia, referred to the Committee on Claims.

Report in concurrence.

Resolved, in concurrence, That the Petitions of

Horace Collamore and others, and

Joseph Huxford and others,

from the files and recommitting to the Commit-
tee on Fisheries.

Orders of Notice were issued, in concurrence, on the several Petitions of

D. Nye and others,
Elijah Norton and others,
Benjamin Worth and others, and
W. N. Ellis and others, (additional.)

The Report, "leave to withdraw," of the Committee on Fisheries, on the Petition of Samuel H. Turner and others, was accepted, in concurrence.

Bill, "To incorporate the Female Benevolent Society at South Danvers," was read, and ordered to a second reading.

Bill, "In relation to the Observance of Certain Days" was read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Resolves, "In relation to the Territory of Kansas" came down with the endorsement that the Senate not concur in the House amendment. On motion of Mr. Orcutt, of Chelsea, the House receded and concurred with the Senate; and the Speaker took time to appoint the Committee.

The Engrossed Bills, "Relating to the unlawful use of private property,"

(Which originated in the Senate,)

tion to an Act "In relation to Female Con-

h originated in the House of Representatives,)

severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the

orders of the Day were then taken up, and on
of Mr. Merwin, of Boston, the undebatable mat-
first considered, in their order.

report "inexpedient to legislate," on the Senate
relative to the publication of Statement of Affairs
facturing Companies, was accepted, in concur-

esolves, "On the Petition of the Selectmen of
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the Petition of the Overseers of the Poor of the
Newbury," and

lls, "To incorporate the New England Railroad
Fire Insurance Company,"

dition to Act to incorporate the President and
of Maverick Bank,"

dition to an Act to incorporate the Dorchester
Railroad Company."

“To authorize John Pew to extend his wharf in Gloucester Harbor,”

“To incorporate the Williams House Company,”

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve relating to the Massachusetts Record (amended,)

Was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

The Bill “In addition to an Act concerning the Duties and Rights of Jurors,” was then taken up, the question being on the amendment offered by Mr. Austin, of Boston, and then on ordering to a third reading; but before taking the question,

On motion of Mr. Waters, of Beverly,

The House

Adjourned.

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er was offered by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was read.

Freeland, of West Springfield, presented the Peti
A. Allen and others, in aid of the Petition o
M. Blanchard and others.

Stone, of Charlestown, presented the Petition o
Sawyer and others, asking that they may have
efit of the provisions of chapter one hundred and
one, of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred
ty-five, relative to the use of railroads.

rally referred to the Committee on Railways and

Milliken, of New Bedford, presented the Remon
of James S. Kelley and others; also,

Remonstrance of Edmund Baylies and others.

Blood, of Taunton, presented the Remonstranc
ed Paull and others,

rally against the suppression of bills under the
nation of five dollars.

rally referred to the Committee on Banks and

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Mr. Blood, of Taunton, presented the Petition of William Cobb and others, of Dighton and Berkley, for leave to construct a Ferry across Taunton River, between the towns of Dighton and Berkley; also,

The Petition of H. W. Church and others, of Taunton, in aid of the Petition of William Cobb and others.

Mr. Stone, of Charlestown, presented the Petition of Nathaniel Austin and others, in aid of the Petition of Peter Hubbell and others.

Severally referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Cole, of Sutton, presented the Remonstrance of James Taylor and others, legal voters of the town of Sutton; also,

The Remonstrance of Jason Dudley and others,

Severally against the Petition of John Darling and others.

Also, The Remonstrance of Harvey Dodge and others, also,

The Remonstrance of Putnam King and others,

Severally against the Petition of Abraham Chase and others.

Hammond, of Rochester, presented the Petition
Fourth Congregational Precinct in Rochester, for
e of name.

red to the Committee on Parishes and Religious

Vorcester, of Townsend, presented the Petition
am Sheldon and others, in relation to School
Taxes.

red to the Committee on Education.

ally sent up for concurrence.

otion of Mr. Pratt, of East Bridgewater,

ed, That the Committee on the Judiciary be re-
to inquire into the expediency of repealing so
f chapter one hundred and sixty-seven, of the
one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, as
Cities and Towns to revise their list of Jurors
each year.

peaker announced the following gentlemen as the
ecial Committee, on the part of the House, on the
ons relative to the Territory of Kansas, viz.:—

Messrs. Temple, of Framingham,

Smith, of Truro,

Davis, of Westport,

Upham, of Dorchester,
C. O. Rogers, of Boston,
Dennie, of Boston,
Estes, of Ipswich,
Andrews, of Danvers,
Partridge, of Winchendon,
Baldwin, of Wilbraham, and
Brown, of Cheshire.

Also, on the Joint Special Committee on the Petition
of R. B. Forbes and others, for a Nautical School for
Education of Boys, on the part of the House, viz. :—

Messrs. Dyer, of Boston,
Barney, of Nantucket,
Nickerson, of Harwich,
Merwin, of Boston, and
Bagley, of Salisbury.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Brayton, from the Committee on Bills in the Third
Reading, on the Bill entitled "An Act to incorporate
Williams House Company," reported

That the Bill be recommitted to the Committee
on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, the same being incor-
rectly drawn.

Accepted.

Littlefield, from the Committee on Education, on
in addition to an Act entitled, "An Act con-
vacancies in School Committees," reported

l, in addition to an Act entitled, "An Act con-
vacancies in School Committees."

Oyer, of Boston, from the Committee on Claims,
Petition of James W. Richardson, reported

solve on the Petition of James W. Richardson,

ally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of George B. Blake and others, for the
l propagation of fish in our rivers, bays, &c.,

referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Enos Clark, Jr., of Northampton, for
of a certain lot of land now in possession of the
nwealth, by mistake in the Deed of Transfer,

referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of Amos Stone and others, in aid of the
of William F. Veasie,

referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Ordered, in concurrence, that the Petitions of
James M. Blanchard and others,
Daniel P. Wise and others, and
The Agricultural Branch Railroad Company,
be taken from the files, and recommitted to the Committee on Railways and Canals. Also,

Ordered, That the Joint Committee on Roads and Bridges consider and report upon the expediency of amending the laws in relation to Sidewalks.

An Order of Notice was issued, in concurrence, on the Petition of C. P. Judd and others, of Reading.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the matter being the unfinished business, viz.: "Bill in addition to an Act concerning the Duties and Rights of Jurors," the question being on the amendment offered by Mr. Austin, of Boston, and then on ordering the Bill a third reading. But before taking the question the Special Assignment was taken up, the same being "Resolve providing for an Amendment to the Constitution, relative to the Qualifications of Voters."

On motion of Mr. Taft, of Worcester, the consideration of the same was postponed for one hour.

House resumed the consideration of the Bill, in
to an Act concerning the duties and rights of
After debate, the Previous Question was ordered
n of Mr. Calef, of Boston, and the question
t on the amendment of Mr. Austin, of Boston,
as called, and it appeared that one hundred and
nbers had voted in the affirmative, and one hun-
thirty-five in the negative; so the amendment
ed. The question then recurred on ordering
o a third reading. On motion of Mr. Merwin,
, the Yeas and Nays were ordered, and the roll
en called, it appeared that ninety members had
the affirmative, and one hundred and fifty-one
gative; so the Bill was refused a third reading.

llard, of Taunton, moved a reconsideration of
which motion was placed in the Orders of the

ion of Mr. White, of Medway,

The House

Adjourned.

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According to adjournment.

was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

Journal of yesterday was read.

Williams, of Hadley, presented the Petition of
Blake and others, in aid of the Petition of
Blanchard and others.

erson, of Boston, presented the Petition of the
g Railroad Company for obviating Railroad
in Somerville.

ly referred to the Committee on Railways and

eed, of Newburyport, presented the Petition of
ry W. Kinsman and others, in aid of that of
rietors of Essex Merrimack Bridge.

ayton, of Fall River, presented the Petition of
Eddy and others, that the County Commission-
e County of Bristol may be authorized to lay
d and construct a bridge across a creek in Som-

ly referred to the Committee on Roads and

oward, of Westford, presented the Petition of
Whitcomb and others, legal voters of Littleton

and Westford, in aid of the Petition of J. Bartlett, Chelmsford.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, presented the Petition of F. Spaulding and others, selectmen of Tewksbury, asking compensation for taking and recording the births and deaths in the State Almshouse, until the time of their return to the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Goulding, of Athol, presented the Remonstrance of John H. Partridge and others, of Athol, against the Division of Worcester County.

Mr. Worcester, of Townsend, presented the Remonstrance of the Town of Townsend, against the formation of any new county which shall include that town.

Mr. Whitney, of Ashburnham, presented the Petition of Benjamin Barret and others, of Townsend, in aid of the Petition of Gilman Day and others, for the formation of a new county ; also,

Mr. Putnam, of Fitchburg, presented the Petition of David Boutelle and others, in aid of the same.

Mr. Worcester, of Townsend, presented the Remonstrance of Samuel Adams and others, legal voters of Townsend, against the formation of a new county, and in aid of the Petition of John Work and others.

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Edgell and others, legal voters of Gardner, against
ion of Worcester and Middlesex County.

lly referred to the Joint Special Committee on
ion of Gilman Day and others.

ever, of Boston, presented the Petition of the
f the Cincinnati of Massachusetts, respecting the
their Archives.

ed to the Committee on the Library.

lly sent up for concurrence.

off, of Rehoboth, presented the Petition of Mason
nd others, of the town of Swanzey, praying that
of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five,
two hundred and thirty-five, exempting from
execution the homestead of a householder, be

ed to the Committee on the Judiciary.

otion of Mr. Taft, of Worcester,

ed, That the Committee on Agriculture consider
diency of amending the first section of the two
and thirty-second chapter of the Acts of one
d eight hundred and fifty-five, relating to the sell-
rain by weight.

up for concurrence.

Also, on motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider what legislation, if any, is necessary, upon the manner of conducting elections, and of ascertaining the result thereof in conformity to the provisions of the present Constitution.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, of Charlestown,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending the second section of the three hundred and twenty-first chapter of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five as to provide, that the Clerk of the Police Court of the city of Newburyport shall be appointed by the Governor.

On motion of Mr. Devereux, of Salem,

Ordered, That the sum of five hundred dollars be, and hereby is appropriated, for the purpose of procuring a catalogue of such papers as are to be found in the public offices of England, relating to the history of the Commonwealth,—and that the Governor be authorized to take measures for procuring such catalogue, and draw his warrant for the expense attending the same, any amount not exceeding five hundred dollars.

quently, Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Order was adopted, and the motion was placed in the Orders of the Day.

Petition of Mr. Orcutt, of Chelsea, the Petition of F. Handy and others, was taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Vote for concurrence.

Motion of Mr. Holbrook, of Braintree, it was ordered that when this House adjourns, it be to meet on the following morning at ten o'clock.

Mr. Severeux, of Salem, offered the following Order:

Resolved, That on motions of reconsideration, no member of this House shall speak more than once on each side of the question, and that the time occupied by each member shall be limited to ten minutes.

Carried, under the Rule.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Agriculture, on the Report of the Commission on the State Farm at Westboro', resolved in favor of the State Farm at Westboro', and that the Resolve ought to pass.

Mr. Austin, of Boston, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the Petition of Albert and Joshua Bates, reported

A Bill to authorize Albert Bowker and Joshua Bates to build and extend their wharves.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, the Report of the Committee on Elections, on the Petition of Edward W. Hinks and William M. Cornell, was discharged from the Orders of the Day, and accepted.

Papers from the Senate.

The Report of Charles Marston, Treasurer of the Marshpee and Herring Pond Indians, for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, was referred to the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, in concurrence.

The following Order was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence:—

Ordered, That the Bank Commissioners be, and they are hereby, instructed to examine into the doings of the various banks of this Commonwealth, with a view to discover any transactions of the officers of said banks, whereby there has been secured to the bank on loans, a rate of interest beyond what is allowed by law, whether it be by giving checks in other places, at a rate of exchange

the market rates, or otherwise: and in all cases each of the laws, to institute suits against said in behalf of the Commonwealth, and that the of the Commonwealth be directed to notify commissioners of the passage of this Order.

ed, in concurrence, That the several Petitions of
Fort Hill Corporation,
George C. Shattuck,
Benjamin H. Brett and another, and
Joseph Friend and Company,

from the files and recommitted to the Committee on
Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

s of Notice were issued, in concurrence, on the
Petitions of

L. Maynard and others,
Solomon Piper and others, and
Aaron Smith and others.

Reports, "leave to withdraw," on the several Petitions of

Benjamin Rockwood and others, and
William Pomeroy and others,

severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bills, "Authorizing the County Commissioners

of the County of Middlesex to lay out a Highway, and construct a Bridge over Malden River,"

"To set off a part of the town of Boxford, and annex the same to the town of Groveland,"

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The Engrossed Bills, "To incorporate the Bowdoin Literary Association of Dorchester,"

"To amend an Act entitled an Act to authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Company to alter the construction of a Bridge and the location thereof, passed on the twenty-first day of May, eighteen hundred and fifty-five,"

(Which severally originated in the Senate,)

"Respecting Naturalization," and

"To continue in force an Act to incorporate the Dime Savers Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and to change the corporate name of the same,"

Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and were sent to the Senate.

grossed Resolve, "On the Petition of John L. others,"

originated in the Senate,)

passed, and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first being the motion to reconsider the vote whereby "In addition to an Act concerning the duties of Jurors," was refused a third reading. On Mr. Hall, of Boston, the Previous Question moved, and the vote having been taken it was decided negative, and the motion to reconsider was

On Mr. Hall, of Boston, the Orders of the Day were laid on the table.

On Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, under a suspension of the Rules, the vote whereby the House accepted the Report of the Committee on Elections, was taken. The question then recurred on the acceptance of the Report. Mr. Hinds, of Boston, moved the adoption of the Report of the Committee as a substitute for the Report. Pending the question, the further considera-

tion thereof was specially assigned to Friday, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the next matter being the "Resolve providing for an Amendment to the Constitution relative to the Qualifications of Voters," the question being on ordering the same to a third reading. The Resolve was amended on motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Newton. An amendment was offered by Mr. Hines of Boston, pending which, on motion,

The House

Adjourned.

According to adjournment.

Presentation of Mr. Bosworth, of Boston, the doors were opened and the Roll was called.

A Prayer was offered by Mr. Conant, member from

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Brewster, of Milford, presented the Petition of A. C. Brewster and others, for the abolition of the Police Court of the Town of Milford.

Referred to the Joint Special Committee on the Petition of Kimball and others.

Mr. Kimball, of Hubbardston, presented the Remonstrance of John Woodward and others, citizens of the town of Hubbardston.

Mr. Kimball, of Petersham, presented the Remonstrance of John Bryant and others, citizens of Petersham.

Mr. Kimball, of Lancaster, presented the Remonstrance of W. S. Thurston and others, citizens of the Town of Lancaster.

Referred against the Division of Worcester and Middlesex Counties.

Referred to the Joint Special Committee on the Petition of Gilman Day and others.

Mr. Pollard, of Taunton, presented the Remonstrance of Silas Shepard and others; also,

The Remonstrance of Edmund Baylies and others

Severally against the passage of any law prohibiting the issue and circulation of bank notes of a less denomination than five dollars.

Severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. Oliver, of South Reading, presented the Petition of George P. Burnham and others, for a Horse Railroad from Melrose to Malden.

Referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Mr. Freeman, of Orleans, presented the Petition of the Selectmen of the town of Eastham, for leave to build a bridge over Boat Meadow River, in the town of Eastham.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Robins, of Northbridge, presented the Petition of the Committees of the towns of Uxbridge and Northbridge for the establishment of a division line between the two towns.

Referred to the Committee on Towns.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

tion of Mr. Sever, of Boston,

ed, the Senate concurring herein, That the sev-
mittees of the Legislature, and the various de-
s of the government be directed to report to the
of the Commonwealth, on or before the first day
next, an estimate of the amount of all appro-
that will be required for matters which they
ectively in charge for the current year.

p for concurrence.

munication was received from the Board of In-
Commissioners, in reply to an Order of the
f Representatives, of February twenty-third, of
one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, which
and placed on file.

Order of Mr. Devereux, of Salem, of the sixth
relative to debate on motions to reconsider, was
and adopted.

pham, of Dorchester, moved a reconsideration of
whereby the Order of Mr. Taft, of Worcester,
sixth instant, relative to the selling of grain by
was adopted.

d in the Orders of the Day.

Sever, from the Committee on Finance, on the
ication from the Sergeant-at-Arms, and the Com-
n Public Buildings, reported

A Resolve relative to Repairs and Furniture for State House.

Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Fessenden, from the Committee on so much of the Governor's Address as relates to districting the State and providing by general law for the election of court officers and clerks of courts, to whom was referred the Order of Mr. Brayton, of Fall River, of the sixth ultimo relative to the election of Clerks of Police Courts, reported, that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The Remonstrance of C. Stearns and others, citizens of Ashburnham, and

The Remonstrance of A. G. Hill and others, citizens of Harvard, and

The Remonstrance of Calvin Haskell, and others,

Were severally referred to the Joint Special Committee on the Petition of Gilman Day and others.

The Petition of Elias E. Davison, for liberty to fill a wharf in South Bay,

Was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of Paoli Lathrop and others, in aid of
of J. M. Blanchard and others,

referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Petition of Otis Clapp and others, for an Act of
ation as the Massachusetts Savings Bank, to be
in the city of Boston,

referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Petition of Sherburn T. Morey, Constable of
er, and

Petition of George Lane, Constable of Gloucester,
rally for an allowance of Fees,

referred to the Committee on Claims.

ally in concurrence.

ed, in concurrence, That the Secretary of the
wealth be directed to request of the President of
tern Railroad Corporation, a report for the infor-
of the Legislature, concerning the number of suits
that have been brought against said Corporation
the last seven years, the nature and result of each
far as the same has been tried and determined,
to damage and loss, in all cases where the plain-
e prevailed; and also, the condition of all such
ow pending, giving the names of the several
s, and the county in which the suits are brought;

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banks consider the expediency of altering the nineteenth section of the thirty-sixth chapter of the Revised Statutes, to require all banks to elect twelve directors at annual meetings ; also,

Ordered, That the time of return of the Order of Notice on the Petition of the County Commissioners of the County of Bristol, asking for leave to loan money, be extended to the twenty-seventh instant ; also, the publication of the same, in the Fall River Monitor, to be deemed sufficient, so far as that paper is concerned ; also,

Ordered, That the Petitions of
Gilman Day and others, and
John W. Work and others,
be taken from the files and recommitted to the Committee on the Division of Worcester and Middlesex Counties ; also,

Ordered, That the Petitions of
Abel Prescott and others,
David Gore,
C. P. Judd and others,
L. Maynard and others, and
Aaron Smith and others,
be taken from the files and recommitted to the Committee on Towns.

Reports "leave to withdraw" on the several Peti-

Quincy Mutual Fire Insurance Company,
Payette Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and
Wright, relative to Life Insurance,

severally accepted, in concurrence.

House Bill in addition to several Acts to secure a
Census and Statistical Information, came
from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in con-
currence, with an amendment, which was adopted, in con-
currence.

Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first
being the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the
report of Mr. Devereux, of Salem, relative to procuring
copies of papers in the public offices of England,
relative to the history of this Commonwealth, was adopted.
The motion was taken, and the motion was carried.

A question then recurred on the adoption of the
report, when, on motion of Mr. Devereux, of Salem, it
was referred to the Committee on the Library.

Up for concurrence:

Unfinished business was then taken up, viz :—
A resolve providing for an Amendment to the Con-

stitution, relative to the Qualifications of Voters, (amended,) the question being on the amendment offered by Hinds, of Boston, and then on ordering the Resolve to a third reading. The vote was taken, and the amendment rejected.

An amendment was then offered by Mr. Austin, of Boston, pending which, the Special Assignment was taken up, the same being the Report of the Committee on Elections, on the Petitions of Edward W. Hinks and William M. Cornell, the question being on the amendment offered by Mr. Hinds, of Boston, viz.: the substitution of the Report of the Minority for that of the Majority Report of the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Barney, of Nantucket, the Yeas and Nays were ordered, and the Roll having been called, it appeared that ninety-seven members had voted in the affirmative, and one hundred and thirty-six in the negative, and the amendment was rejected.

The question then recurred upon the acceptance of the Report, pending which,

On motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

according to adjournment.

was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

Journal of yesterday was read.

Phillips, of Danvers, presented the Remonstrance of Upton and one hundred and ninety-eight others, of South Danvers, against the Petition for open-connection with the Danvers Railroad.

Elton, of Longmeadow, presented the Petition of Norton and others, in aid of the Petition of J. Hard and others.

Stone, of Charlestown, presented the Petition of ss and others, in aid of the Petition of William

ly referred to the Committee on Railways and

tridge, of Winchendon, presented the Petition of Murdock and others, legal voters of Winchendon, in reference to the Free State citizens of Kansas.

ed to the Joint Special Committee on the Resolutive to the Territory of Kansas.

inson, of Edgartown, presented the Remonstrance of Joseph Mayhew, against the Petition of C. F. Dunham.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs Insurance.

Mr. Goulding, of Athol, presented the Petition of George Farr and others, of Athol, in aid of the Petition of Gilman Day and others.

Mr. Partridge, of Winchendon, presented the Remonstrance of E. Murdock, Jr., and others, legal voters of Winchendon, against the Division of Worcester County.

Severally referred to the Joint Special Committee on the Petition of Gilman and others.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Manson, of Cambridge, presented the Petition of the Mayor of Cambridge, for an amendment to the Charter.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Pollard, of Taunton,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of modifying or repealing the hundredth chapter of the Statutes of the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and report thereon.

On motion of Mr. Worcester, of Townsend,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to consider the expediency of repealing or amending

two hundred and sixty-fourth chapter of the Acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and an Act to amend the ninety-seventh chapter of the Revised Statutes relating to the exemption of Personal Property of the Debtor, from levy on execution.

Presentation of Mr. Williams, of Boston,

Resolved, That the Committee on Probate and Administration do inquire into the expediency of so amending the thirty-third of chapter one hundred and eighty-nine, of the Acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, so that the evidence of debt against the estate of an insolvent debtor, may be delivered to the legal representative or authorized agent of the party who proved

Mr. Hale, of Boston, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Petition of A. C. Mayhew and others, for the abolition of the Police Court in the town of Milford, was referred, on the seventh instant, to the Joint Committee on the Petition of H. C. Kimball and others. Under a suspension of the Rules, the motion was agreed to, and the Petition was laid on the table.

At the same time the same gentleman moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Senate report "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of Elizur Wright, relative to Life Insur-

ance, was accepted, on the seventh instant. Motion placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Murdock, of Wareham,

Ordered, That the Committee on Fisheries consider the expediency of enacting a general law for the protection of fish on the shores of the bays, in the harbors in the ponds, rivers and brooks, of Massachusetts.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee on Fisheries, on Petition of Horace Collamore and others, of Pembroke reported

A Bill relating to Fishways at the several Dams on Barker's River, so called, in the town of Pembroke.

Mr. Gould, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the Petition of Shaw Norris, for leave to build a wharf, reported

A Bill to authorize Shaw Norris to build a wharf.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on Petition of Francis Small, for leave to extend his wharf, reported

A Bill to authorize Francis Small to extend his wharf.

Mr. Whitton, from the same committee, on the Peti-

W. Clark and others, for an Act of incorporation

to incorporate the Framingham Hotel Company.

Justin, from the same committee, on the Petitions
N. Swazey and James N. Buffum, reported

to authorize John N. Swazey to extend his
Lynn.

the gentleman, from the same committee, on the
of H. F. Thomas and others, reported

to incorporate the Pacific Mutual Insurance

mb, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on
of Mr. Dyer, of Boston, of the nineteenth of
relative to the Hour of making Writs returna-
tice and Police Courts, reported

relating to the Return of Writs in Civil Actions,
tices of the Peace and Police Courts.

vereux, from the same committee, on the Order
etcher, of Lowell, of the twenty-second ultimo,
a to the Trustee Process, reported

in relation to the Trustee Process.

ly read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Austin, of Boston, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to whom referred the Senate Bill "To incorporate the Massachusetts Company," reported, that the same ought to pass with the amendment.

The Report was accepted and the amendment was adopted and the Bill was passed to be engrossed with the amendment, which was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Senate Bill, "Concerning the Massachusetts Railroad Company," reported

That the Bill ought to pass.

The Report was accepted, and the Bill was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee on the Senate Bill, "To prevent the evasion of the Act for the Suppression of Lotteries," reported

The same in a new draft, with amendments.

The Bill was read a second time, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hale, from the Committee on the Senate Bill, "To amend the Order of Mr. Devereux, of Salem, of

to procuring a catalogue of documents in the offices of England, reported

Resolve for procuring a catalogue of certain papers in the public offices of England," which was read, and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of Cushing Burr and others, in aid of the petition of Gilman Day and others, for a New County,

Petition of Courland Sanderson and others, of West Springfield, in aid of the same, and

Remonstrance of James Stone and others, citizens of West Springfield, against the Division of Worcester and Hampshire Counties,

and severally referred to the Joint Special Committee on the Petition of Gilman Day and others.

and severally in concurrence.

Order of Notice (additional) was issued, in consequence, on the Petition of Daniel P. Wise and others.

Report "inexpedient to legislate," of the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the Order of the Board of Trustees of West Springfield, of the twenty-third

ultimo, relative to the settlement and support of Lunatics, was accepted, in concurrence.

The House non-concurred in the Senate reference of Bill "In relation to Railroad Corporations" to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Bill "Relating to the issuing of Bank Bills, and rate of Interest to be paid to Banks by the Commonwealth,"

Was read and ordered to a second reading.

Bill "Concerning the Metropolitan Railroad Company," was read, and referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Bill "In addition to an Act to incorporate the Pond Meadow and Fishing Company in Edgartown," motion of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, under a suspension of the Rules, took its several readings, and passed to engrossed, in concurrence.

The Orders of the Day were taken up, and motion of Mr. Brayton, of Fall River, the undebatable matters were first considered, in their order.

The Bills, "In addition to an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Trinity Church in the town of Bridgewater,"

et off a part of the town of Boxford, and annex
e to the town of Groveland,"

ddition to an Act concerning Vacancies in School
tees,"

severally read a second time, and ordered to a
ding.

enate Bills,

regulate the construction of Fish Weirs;"

protect the Fisheries in Ipswich River, in the
f Hamilton, Wenham, Topsfield, Boxford and
on;"

ddition to an Act to incorporate the Young Men's
Association of Worcester,"

severally read a third time, passed to be en-
in concurrence, and sent to the Senate.

House Bills,

accept the surrender of the Charter of the Rail-
tual Fire Insurance Company;"

authorize Parker Burnham, Joseph B. Burnham,
s Burnham, to extend their Marine Railway;"

ncorporate the New England Railroad Mutual
urance Company;"

"In addition to an Act to incorporate the President and Directors of the Maverick Bank ;"

"To authorize John Pew to extend his wharf in Gloucester Harbor," and

The Resolves "On the Petition of the Selectmen of Marshpee," and

"On the Petition of the Overseers of Poor of the town of Newbury,"

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill, "In addition to an Act to incorporate the Dorchester Avenue Railroad Company," was recommended to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

The Orders of the Day were then laid on the table, and on motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston, under a suspension of the Rules, the vote whereby the "Bill to incorporate the New England Railroad Mutual Fire Insurance Company," was passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered. The question then recurred on passing the Bill to be engrossed.

The same gentleman then offered an amendment to the Bill, which was adopted, and the Bill, as amended, again passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Order of Mr. Worcester, of the sixth instant, relative to the sale of grain by weight, was adopted, was lost.

A Resolve, "Providing for an Amendment to the Constitution relative to the Qualifications of Voters," was then taken up, the question being first on the amendment of Mr. Austin, of Boston, and then on ordering the same to a third reading; and the vote having been taken, the amendment was adopted, and the Resolve, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Bill providing the compensation of Bank Commissioners passed a third reading, was, after debate, on motion of Mr. Freeman of Orleans, indefinitely postponed.

Orders of the Day were laid on the table, and

A motion of Mr. Emerson, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

according to adjournment.

was offered by the Chaplain.

Journal of Saturday was read.

icks, of New Bedford, presented the Remon-
f Luther G. Hewins and others, of New Bed-
nst the passage of any Bill restricting the cir-
of bank bills of a less denomination than five

ed to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

binson, of Charlestown, presented the Petition
m M. Wheilden and others, in aid of the Peti-
William F. Veazie.

urdock, of Wareham, presented the Petition of
Parker and others, for extension of time in
the Plympton and Wareham Railroad.

evereux, of Salem, presented the Petition of the
n and others, of Topsfield, in aid of the Memo-
e Danvers Railroad Company.

ly referred to the Committee on Railways and

Mr. Emerson, of Boston, presented the Petition of Luther Drew, for extension of his wharf.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. Haynes, of Dorchester, presented the Petition of the Gardner Library Association for an Act of incorporation.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Whitney, of Ashburnham, presented the Petition of Jerome W. Foster and others, of Ashburnham ;

Mr. Howes, of Dennis, presented the Petition of W. Partridge and others, of Royalston ;

Mr. Smith, of Fitchburg, presented the Petition of Samuel Farrar and others, of Pepperell ; also,

The Petition of Elisha Garfield and others, of Fitchburg ;

Mr. Merriam, of Gardner, presented the Petition of A. B. Jackson and others, of Gardner,

Severally in aid of the Petition of Gilman Day and others, for a New County.

Severally referred to the Joint Special Committee on the Petition of Gilman Day and others.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

ssell, of Worcester, introduced the following

l, That when this House adjourns, it be to
 morrow at ten o'clock, and that be the hour of
 until otherwise ordered, except on Mondays, when
 e shall meet at eleven o'clock.

ver, under the Rule.

Papers from the Senate.

Annual Report of the Librarian of the State Li-
 s referred to the Committee on the Library.

petition of A. C. Carey, of Ipswich, for leave to
 Tharf, and

petition of Henry B. Blanchard and others, for
 incorporation as the Boston and Albany Steam-
 pany,

everally referred to the Committee on Mercan-
 rs and Insurance.

petition of Julius Day and others, of West Spring-
 aid of the Petition of J. M. Blanchard and
 r a Railroad from Connecticut State Line to
 d, and

petition of Park Warner, Isaac Morgan and
 izens of Granby, in aid of the same,

Were severally referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Severally in concurrence.

An Order of Notice (additional) was issued, in concurrence, on the Petition of Benjamin H. Breit and another.

Bill, in further addition to an Act in relation to Library Associations, was read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill, in addition to an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Mercantile Library Association, passed in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, on motion of Mr. T. P. Hale, of Boston, under a suspension of the Rules, took its several readings, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and was sent to the Senate.

The Speaker announced the appointment of Mr. D. W. Foster, of Boston, on the Committee on the Resolutions relative to Kansas Territory, in place of C. O. Rogers, of Boston, resigned.

On motion of Mr. Vose, of Boston, the Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House accepted the Report "to withdraw" on the Petition of Elizur Wright, relative to Life Insurance, was carried. The question then

on the acceptance of the Report. Mr. C. Hale, of
offered a Bill concerning Returns from Life Insu-
companies, as a substitute for the Report, pending
the whole subject was laid on the table, and the
ered to be printed.

Report, "inexpedient to legislate," on the Order
Titcomb, of Lynnfield, relative to furnishing pub-
ols with books, was taken up, the question being
acceptance of the same.

Titcomb, of Lynnfield, offered a Bill as a substi-
the same, pending which, the whole subject was
ely postponed.

Bill to repeal the four hundred and fifty-eighth
of the Acts of the year one thousand eight hun-
d fifty-five, was taken up, read a third time,
l, and ordered to a third reading.

Bill relating to the "Venue of Certain Actions,"
d a third time, amended, and passed to be en-
and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day were laid on the table.

Engrossed Bills, "In addition to an Act to incor-
the Pocha Pond Meadow and Fishing Company
rtown,"

ch originated in the Senate,)

"To authorize County Commissioners to administer Oaths and Affirmations,"

(Which originated in the House of Representatives)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to Senate.

The Engrossed Resolve, "Relating to the Massachusetts Records,"

(Which originated in the House of Representatives)

Was passed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Walker, of Roxbury,

The House

Adjourned.

according to adjournment.

was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

Journal of yesterday was read.

son, of Edgartown, presented the Remonstrance
am Osborn, against the Petition of C. F. and
nham.

ed to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and
e.

avis, of Royalston, presented the Remonstrance
Raymond, and other legal voters of Royalston.

hitney, of Westminster, presented the Remon-
f William S. Bradbury and others, of West-
everally against the Division of Worcester and
x Counties.

ly referred to the Joint Special Committee on
on of Gilman Day and others.

owker, of Hopkinton, presented the Petition of
tmen of Hopkinton, for a law requiring children
to fifteen years of age to attend school.

ed to the Committee on Education.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Ashley, of Fall River, presented the Petition of Job T. Wilson, in relation to land escheated to the

Referred to the Committee on Probate and Chancery.

Mr. Woodcock, of Leicester, presented the Memorial of Benjamin N. Bullock, for redress of grievances.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Clapp, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on Roads and Bridges consider the expediency of amending chapter two hundred and fifty-three of the Acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, that females on foot be exempt from tolls.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Beal, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing by general law, the manner and period of the election, from time to time, of Senators to the Congress of the United States.

The Order of Mr. Russell, of Worcester, of the 10th instant, relative to the hour of meeting of the House, was taken up and adopted.

tion of Mr. Morrisy, of Nantucket, the Report of the Commissioners under the Resolve of one thousand and fifty-five, to examine the title to certain land in the town of Tisbury; and

Report of the Commissioners appointed to determine the boundary line between Gay Head and the town of Tisbury.

Several bills taken from the table, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Report of Mr. Bliss, of Worcester, the Petition of the Board of Commissioners, relative to the Territory of Kansas, was taken from the table, and referred to the Joint Special Committee on Resolutions relative to the Territory of Kansas.

Report for concurrence.

Report of Mr. Strickland, of Sandisfield, the Petition of Samuel Jennison, Jr., for leave to sell Real Estate, was taken from the files, and recommitted to the Committee on Probate and Chancery.

Report of O. Lamb, from the Committee on the Judiciary, relative to the Order of Mr. Wells, of Stockbridge, of the Board of Fence Viewers, reported,

that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Mr. Codman, from the same committee, on the Petition of N. F. Ackley and others, for regulating the fees of Registers of Deeds, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Petition of the inhabitants of the town of Halifax, for the right of assessing money on the polls and estates of the inhabitants of the town of Halifax, to defray the expenses of transporting the mail, excepting the amount received from the General Government, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition.

Mr. Lamb, from the same committee, on the Petition of Joel Potter and others, legal voters of the town of Sharon, for an Act enabling Town Treasurers to call and take up their bonds, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Order of Mr. Willard, of Harvard, of the sixteenth ultimo, relative to the taxation of Minors, reported,

it is "inexpedient to legislate thereon."

ally accepted.

Johnson, from the Committee on Fisheries, on the

Petitions of

Edward T. Young,

Collins Howes, Jr.,

John Taylor,

Francis Nye, and

George Eldridge and others,

to build fish weirs, reported,

the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

ted.

up for concurrence.

Ritchie, from the Committee on Railways and

on the Bill, "In addition to an Act to incorpo-

Dorchester Avenue Railroad," reported

same Bill in a new draft. The Bill was read a

ne, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for con-

e.

Lamb, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on

ate Bill, entitled, "An Act to repeal chapter two

and thirty-eight, of the Acts of the year one

d eight hundred and thirty-six," being an Act to

the assignment and distribution of the property

vent Debtors, reported,

That the same ought to pass.

The Bill was read a second time, and laid on the table.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Senate Bill "In addition to an Act to establish a State Reform School for Girls," reported,

That the said Bill ought to pass.

Also, the same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Senate Bill to change the name of the State Reform School for Girls, reported,

That the same ought to pass.

Severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Story, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Story, of Somerville, of January eleven, relative to the Suppression of Horse Racing, reported

A Bill in addition to an Act suppressing Horse Racing, approved on the eighth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Order of Mr. Hinds, of Boston, of the fourteenth of January, relative to the Superior Court, reported

to enlarge the jurisdiction of the Superior
the County of Suffolk, and of the Court of
Pleas.

man, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on
of Elisha Huntington and others, in rela-
the Records of the Northern District of Middlesex
reported

olve in relation to the Records of Middlesex

same gentleman, from the same committee, on
on of H. H. Hunnewell and others, for a change
ws respecting landlord and tenant, reported

ll in addition to an Act respecting leasehold
t. 1847, Ch. 267."

ould, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs
urance, on the Petition of Zeno Crowell and
reported

to authorize Zeno Crowell to build a wharf.

Johnson, from the Committee on Fisheries, on the
of James S. Chace and Edson V. Chace, for fur-

ther protection to their oyster beds in Taunton River, reported

A Bill in addition to an Act entitled an Act authorizing James S. Chace to plant oysters in Taunton River.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of Henry Hastings and others, of Chendon, and

The Petition of Benjamin Wyman and others, of Westminster, and

The Petition of William S. Clark and others, of Bardston, and

The Petition of Calvin Phelps and others, of Leicester, and

The Petition of Laban W. Wright and others, of Ashby,

Severally in aid of the Petition of Gilman Day and others, for a New County,

Were severally referred to the Joint Special Committee on the Petition of Gilman Day and others.

Severally in concurrence.

ed, in concurrence, That the Joint Special Committee on Roads and Bridges be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter two hundred and one of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, relating to tolls on the Charles River and Warren Bridges, so that the driver of any team or vehicle exclusively for carrying passengers, shall pay one dollar for each person in such team or vehicle. Also,

ed, That the Joint Committee on Roads and Bridges inquire into the expediency of any further legislation in regard to the passage of the draws of Charles and Warren Bridges.

Reports, "leave to withdraw," on the several Reports of

Converse and Company and others, and
Lexington and West Cambridge Railroad Company

severally accepted, in concurrence.

Reports, "inexpedient to legislate," on the Senate
relative to the reappointment of Inspectors of the
Prison, and

the Order of Mr. Baxter, of Quincy, of the eighteenth
relative to Passengers' Fares on Railroads, and

On the Order of Mr. Freeland, of Orleans, of twenty-third ultimo, relative to Directors giving passes over Railroads, where the State is a stockholder.

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Resolve, providing for an Amendment to the Constitution for Districting the State for the choice of Representatives to the General Court, was laid on the table.

Bill, "To abolish the Police Court in the town of Blackstone,"

Was read and ordered to a second reading.

The Engrossed Bill, "In addition to an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Mercantile Library Association passed in the year eighteen hundred and forty-five,"

(Which originated in the Senate,)

Was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and "Resolve of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four providing for an Amendment to the Constitution relative to Eligibility to Office," was read a third time, the question being on agreeing to the final passage of said

According to the requirements of the Constitution which, on motion of Mr. Dyer, of Boston, the consideration of the same was postponed to Friday next, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

Resolve providing for an Article of Amendment to the Constitution relative to the Right of Suffrage," was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Resolve of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, providing for an Amendment to the Constitution relative to Eligibility to Office, was read a third time, the question being on agreeing to the passage of the Resolve, according to the requirements of the Constitution; pending which, on motion of Mr. Fletchell, the further consideration thereof was postponed for Friday next, at one o'clock, P. M.

Bill in addition to an Act to incorporate the Eastern Free Bridge, was read a second time, the question being on ordering the Bill to a third reading. Amendments were offered by Mr. Emerson, of Boston, which, on motion of Mr. Orcutt, of Chelsea, the subject was recommitted to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

to allow the Suffolk Bank, in Boston, to increase its investment in Real Estate," was read a second time

the question being on ordering the same to a third reading. After debate, the vote was taken, and the Bill was refused a third reading.

On motion of Mr. P. C. Jones, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

According to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Pearce, of Gloucester, presented the Petition of
 Tracy and others, of Gloucester, for an Act of in-
 corporation for a Cemetery.

Referred to the Committee on Parishes and Religious
 Affairs.

Mr. Poor, of Danvers, presented the Petition of James
 Allen and others, of South Danvers, to change the
 line between Danvers and Salem. Also,

Petition of Sidney C. Bancroft and others, of
 Danvers, in aid of the same.

Both referred to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. Worcester, of Townsend, presented the Remon-
 strance of the Town of Ashby, against the Division of
 Worcester and Middlesex Counties.

Referred to the Joint Special Committee on the Peti-
 tion of Gilman Day and others.

Mr. Vinson, of Edgartown, presented the Petition of

Baze Norton and others, for the privilege of erecting a dam across the Lagoon Pond, in Edgartown, for the purpose of forming a perch and herring fishery.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Mr. Chapin, of Westfield, presented the Petition of the Selectmen of Westfield, and the Trustees of Westfield Academy, and others, for a law authorizing said town to issue Scrip to aid in establishing an agricultural department in the aforesaid academy.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Story, of Essex, presented the Petition of John Prince and others, of Essex, to be incorporated as a Library Association.

- Referred to the Committee on Education.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Taggart, of Haverhill, presented the Petition of Thomas N. Chase and others, of Haverhill, that one-sixth of all tax may be lawfully assessed on the polls.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

motion of Mr. Slade, of Fall River,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the analyzing of Spirituous Liquors sold by Town Agents.

motion of Mr. Devereux, of Salem,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of further legislation on the subject of mortgages of Personal Property.

motion of Mr. Whitney, of Ashburnham,

Resolved, That the Committee on Probate and Chancery inquire into the expediency of extending the powers of Justices of the Peace or Overseers of Poor in binding out Minors, and of requiring them to be put under Guardianship.

Resolved, That the Committee on Education, on the Report of the Committee on the State Order relative to Libraries and Lyceums, report that

it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Resolved, That the Committee on Education, on the Report of Mr. Littlefield, from the same committee, on the Order of the Board of Education, of Newburyport, of the eighth ultimo, relating to the age at which children are allowed to attend Public Schools, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Mr. Turner, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the Order of Mr. Holbrook, of Braintree, of twenty-first ultimo, relative to the Taxation of Deposits in Savings Institutions, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Mr. Phelps, from the same committee, on the Senate Order relative to the charging of Usurious Interest on the Banks, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Mr. Thomas, from the same committee, on the Petition of Franklin Haven and others, relative to the pay of Bank Commissioners, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Militia, on the Petition of Jonas W. Clark and others, for a charter to form a Military Company, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Severally accepted.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Stoddard, from the Committee on the Judiciary,
Petition of Cyrus Bancroft and others, relative to
relating Plaintiffs in Civil Actions to give Bonds for
reported,

that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

accepted.

same gentleman, from the same committee, on the
Bill in addition to an Act to incorporate the
Directors of the Rural Cemetery, in Worcester,
reported,

that the same ought to pass.

Ritchie, from the Committee on Railways and
Canals, on the Senate Bill concerning the Metropolitan
Railroad Company, reported,

that the same ought to pass.

Bill was generally read a second time and ordered to a third
reading.

Stoddard, from the Committee on the Judiciary,
Petition of Boyd Howard; also, on the Order of
the Court, of Lowell, of the twenty-second of Janu-
ary, relative to amending the laws of Divorce, reported

A Bill relating to Divorce.

Mr. Briggs, from the same committee, on the Petition of S. Warren Appleton, reported

A Bill in addition to an Act relating to Public Amusements.

Mr. Strickland, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, on the Petition of Samuel Jennison, J. Guardian, reported

A Resolve on the Petition of Samuel Jennison, J. Guardian.

Mr. C. Hale, from the Committee on the Library, the Petition of the Society of the Cincinnati of Massachusetts, reported

A Resolve on the Petition of the Society of the Cincinnati of Massachusetts.

Mr. Pollard, from the Committee on Education, on the Petition of Stephen M. Weld and others, reported

A Bill to incorporate the Jamaica Plain Athenæum

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Petition of the School Committee of the town of Weymouth, for their proportion of the School Fund, reported

Resolve in favor of the Town of Wilmington."

same gentleman, from the same committee, on the
of the Selectmen of the town of Berlin for their
ion of the School Fund, reported

Resolve in favor of the Town of Berlin."

Temple, from the same committee, on the Petition
Marchant and others, for an additional sum of
for Educational purposes, reported

Resolve in favor of the Chappequiddic Indians."

same gentleman, from the same committee, on the
of Charles Marston, Treasurer of the Herring
plantation, for aid for the School in the Indian
in that place, reported

Resolve in favor of the Herring Pond Indians.

Johnson, from the Committee on Fisheries, on the
of Benjamin W. Miller, for the further protec-
his Oyster Beds in Taunton Great River, reported

in addition to an Act entitled an Act authorizing
in W. Miller to plant oysters in Taunton Great .

Also,

A Bill in addition to an Act, entitled, "An Act authorizing Benjamin W. Miller to plant oysters in Taunton Great River."

Mr. Fessenden, from the Committee on Towns, on Petition of E. A. Richards and others, praying to be set off from the town of Braintree to the town of Quincy, reported

A Bill to set off a part of the Town of Braintree, and annex the same to the Town of Quincy.

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Pollard, of Taunton, the Bill to prevent the evasion of the Laws for the Suppression of Lotteries, was taken from the table and placed in Orders of the Day.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of James W. Pattillo and others, for an allowance of fees for services as witnesses in certain cases under the law of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, relating to the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, and

The Petition of Henry Dennis, a Deputy Sheriff of Essex County, for an allowance of fees for services rendered by him under the same law,

re severally referred to the Committee on Claims.

Remonstrance of Frederick Parker and others, of
eton, and

Remonstrance of Henry Smith and others, of
eton, and

Remonstrance of Joseph Raymond and others, of
ton, severally against the Division of Worcester
iddlesex Counties, were severally referred to the
Special Committee on the Petition of Gilman Day
hers.

Petition of the Selectmen and others, of Boxford,
of the Memorial of the Danvers Railroad Com-
was referred to the Committee on Railways and

rally in concurrence.

Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition
F. Ricketson for a renewal of the Charter of the
Mutual Insurance Company, of New Bedford,
cepted, in concurrence.

Bill authorizing the United States Chemical
Manufacturing Company to change their name and
n, was read and ordered to a second reading.

A communication was received from His Excellency the Governor, by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, covering a communication from Colonel Thayer, of the United States Corps of Engineers, relative to a cession of jurisdiction on the part of the State to the General Government, of certain lands situated in the city of Bedford, on which it is contemplated to erect fortifications for the defence of that city.

The Engrossed Bills, "To protect fisheries in Ipswich River, in the towns of Hamilton, Wenham, Topsfield, Boxford, and Middleton,"

(Which originated in the Senate,)

"In addition to several Acts to secure a Decennial Census and Statistical Information,"

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the first matter, viz.: "Bill in addition to an Act concerning Beaches in the town of North Chelsea," was read a second time, the question being on ordering the Bill to a third reading; pending which, on motion of Mr. Fennell, of North Chelsea, the Bill was laid on the table.

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Bill, to prevent Bank Officers from Voting by
was read a second time, the question being on
the same to a third reading; pending which, on
of Mr. Thurston, of Lancaster, the Bill was re-
mitted to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Bill, in addition to an Act to incorporate the
of Mutual Redemption, (amended,) was read a
time, the question being on passing the same to be
passed. The Bill was further amended in the sixth
on motion of Mr. Devereux, of Salem, and
to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amend-
ments, which were sent up for concurrence.

Bill, to incorporate the Female Benevolent Society,
at Danvers, was read a second time and ordered to
third reading.

Report of the Committee on Elections, on the
case of Edward W. Hinks and William M. Cornell,
next taken up, the question being on the acceptance
of the same, pending which, on motion of Mr. Weeks,
it was ordered, that when the question is
taken, it be taken by Yeas and Nays. Mr. Thayer, of
Danvers, moved the indefinite postponement of the whole
subject, and upon this question, on motion of Mr. Briggs,

of Pittsfield, the Yeas and Nays were ordered; pending which, Mr. Emerson, of Boston, moved to lay the Report upon the table. Upon this question, the Yeas and Nays were ordered, on motion of Briggs, of Pittsfield, and the Roll having been called appeared that eighty-one members had voted in affirmative, and one hundred and forty-four in negative, and the motion to lay on the table was lost.

On motion of Mr. Littlefield, of Foxboro',

The House

Adjourned.

According to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

Journal of yesterday was read.

Bagley, of Salisbury, presented the Remonstrance of Bickford and others, against the Proprietors of the Merrimack Bridge.

How, of Manchester, presented the Petition of A. Smith and others, for leave to build a bridge across the waters of Manchester River.

Refers to the Committee on Roads and

Farbell, of Lunenburg, presented the Petition of Bailey and others, in aid of the Petition of Gilman and others, for a New County.

Refers to the Joint Special Committee on the Petition of Dan Day and others.

Tenney, of Georgetown, presented the Petition of the Selectmen and others, of Georgetown.

Wheeler, of Reading, presented the Petition of the Selectmen and others, of North Reading, in aid of the construction of the Danvers Railroad.

Severally referred to the Committee on Railway Canals.

Mr. Phelps, of Springfield, presented the Petition of the President and Directors of the John Hancock Bank for a modification of their charter, to allow them to move the location of their bank.

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. Loring, of Marlboro', presented the Petition of the Board of Health, of the town of Marlboro', for compensation for expenses incurred in maintaining a pauper out of the almshouse.

Mr. Usher, of Lynn, presented the Petition of Jones, M. D., for compensation for medicines furnished to the first regiment of infantry.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. French, of Stoughton, presented the Petition of Darius Littlefield and others, to set off a portion of Randolph, and annex the same to the town of Quabbin.

Mr. Pratt, of Grafton, presented the Remonstrance of J. W. Slocumb and others, legal voters of the town of Grafton, against the Petition of Abraham Chace and others.

ally referred to the Committee on Towns.

ally sent up for concurrence.

motion of Mr. Kingsley, of Northampton,

red, That the Petition of the Wardens of Trinity
in Bridgewater, be recommitted to the Com-
on Parishes and Religious Societies, with the
anying papers.

motion of Mr. Temple, of Framingham,

red, That the Committee on Education be directed
der the expediency of modifying or repealing
one hundred and fifty-three of the Acts of one
d eight hundred and fifty-three.

up for concurrence.

Phelps, from the Committee on Banks and Bank-
the Order of Mr. Littlefield, of Foxboro', of the
ltimo, concerning a Reserve Fund from the Bank
ported,

it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Reed, from the Committee on Public Charitable
ions, on the several Petitions of

Wendell Phillips and others,

W. D. G. McVey and others,

Solomon Lincoln and others,

Catharine S. Brown, and

Samuel R. Heywood,

Severally for the establishment of an Asylum for
briates, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Severally accepted.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Vose, from the Committee on Public Buildings,
on the Report of the Commissioners on the Enlargement
of the State House, reported

A Resolve relative to the Enlargement of the
House.

Under a suspension of the Rules, on motion of
Austin, of Boston, the Resolve was read three times,
passed to be engrossed, and was sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Ritchie, from the Committee on Railways and
Canals, on the Petition of the Boston, Barre and Gardner
Railroad Corporation, reported

A Bill concerning the Boston, Barre and Gardner
road Company. Also,

The same gentleman, from the same committee,
Petition of the Amherst and Belchertown Railroad
pany, reported

Will to extend the time for locating and constructing the Amherst and Belchertown Railroad.

Conant, from the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on the Petition of the Fourth Congregational Precinct in Rochester, reported

Will to change the corporate name of the Fourth Congregational Precinct in Rochester, and for other purposes.

Ritchie, from the Committee on Railways and Canals, on the Petition of the Rockport Railroad Company, reported

Will to extend the time for locating and constructing the Rockport Railroad.

Potter, from the Committee on Mileage, on the Report of Mr. Potter, of Dartmouth, of the fifteenth of February, reported

Resolved providing for the pay of the Council, Senate and House of Representatives

Generally read, and ordered to a second reading.

A communication of His Excellency the Governor, dated yesterday, was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of James Ritchie and others, for an Act of incorporation for a lecture hall in Roxbury, was referred to the Committee on Education.

The Petition of Joseph Wetherbee and others, for an Act of incorporation as the First Baptist Society in Abington, was referred to the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

The Petition of Joseph L. Drew and others, asking to be incorporated as a Mutual Fire Insurance Company in the city of Boston, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The Remonstrance of Paul Garfield and others of Princeton, against the Petition of Gilman Day and others. A so,

The Petition of T. Everett and others, of Princeton, and

The Petition of Stillman Wetherbee and others of Harvard,

Severally in aid of the Petition of Gilman Day and others,

Were severally referred to the Joint Special Committee on the Petition of Gilman Day and others.

Petition of Lewis Aiken, to be paid for work on
the House, was referred to the Committee on

ally in concurrence.

Orders of Notice were issued, in concurrence, on the
Petitions of
Edward W. Howland and others,
Daniel B. Eddy and others,
The Selectmen of Wellfleet,
The Selectmen of Eastham,
Samuel Burdon and others, and
The Committee of the towns of Uxbridge and
Northbridge.

Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petitions of
Benjamin Blackford and others, and
Theodore Drew and others,
accepted, in concurrence.

to incorporate the Webster Institute in the city
Uxbridge, was read and referred to the Committee
Judiciary.

Bill, authorizing the County Commissioners of the
County of Norfolk to construct a bridge across the Bos-
ton and New York Central Railroad, in Dorchester, was
and ordered to a second reading.

The House Bill, "In addition to an Act relating to Savings Banks," came down from the Senate, passed, to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, which was adopted, in concurrence.

Subsequently, Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, moved a reconsideration of the vote, which motion was placed in Orders of the Day.

The Engrossed Bills,

"To regulate the construction of fish weirs,"

"In addition to an Act to incorporate the Young Men's Library Association of Worcester,"

"To incorporate the Williams House Company,"

(Which severally originated in the Senate,)

"To authorize Daniel Crowley to extend his wharf,"

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the matter being the unfinished business, viz.: Report of the Committee on Elections, on the Petition of Edward Hinks, and William M. Cornell, the question being on the indefinite postponement of the whole matter.

upon which the Yeas and Nays had been ordered. Roll was called, and it appeared that one hundred twenty members had voted in the affirmative, and hundred and fifty-three in the negative, so the motion to indefinitely postpone was lost. The question recurred upon the acceptance of the Report, upon which the Yeas and Nays had been ordered, and the Roll having been called, it appeared that one hundred and six members had voted in the affirmative, and one hundred and eleven in the negative, and the Report was accepted.

Mr. Staples, of Concord, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House accepted the Report. Subsequently, Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, rose to a point of order, which point of order was, that the vote whereby the House had accepted the Report of the Committee, having been once reconsidered, a motion to reconsider was not in order. The Speaker, (Mr. Littlefield, of Concord, in the chair,) decided that the point of order was well taken, and that the motion of the gentleman from Concord, was not in order.

Resolved, "On the Petition of James W. Richard-

Relative to repairs and furniture for the State House,"

“For procuring a catalogue of certain papers in Public Offices in England,” and

The House Bills, “To authorize Albert Bowker and Joshua Bates to build and extend their wharves,”

“Relating to the return of writs before Justices of Peace and Police Courts,” and

The Senate Bill, “Authorizing the County Commissioners of the County of Middlesex to lay out a highway and construct a bridge over Malden River,”

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve in favor of the State Farm at Westboro was read a second time, the question being on ordering the Bill to a third reading. Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, moved that the Bill be recommitted to the Committee on Finance, pending which, on motion of Mr. Pike, of Newton, the whole subject was laid on the table.

The Bill relating to the Trustee Process was read a second time, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading, pending which, on motion of Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield, the Bill was recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Burbank, of Boston, the Orders of the Day were laid on the table, and on motion of Mr.

er, of Lowell, the twenty-second Rule of the Rules
ders, which requires that "when a motion for re-
ration is decided, that decision shall not be recon-
and no question shall be twice reconsidered," was
led.

Pool, of Abington, moved a reconsideration of the
hereby the House accepted the Report of the Com-
on Elections, on the Petition of Edward W. Hinks
William M. Cornell, which motion was placed in the
of the Day.

motion of Mr. Worcester, of Townsend,

The House

Adjourned.

according to adjournment.

er was offered by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was read.

Parker, of Boston, presented the Remonstrance of
attuck and others, citizens of Pepperell ;

Mudge, of Petersham, presented the Remonstrance
W. Loring and others.

Worcester, of Townsend, presented the Remon-
of Charles Chandler and others, of Shirley,

rally against the Division of Worcester and Mid-
Counties, and the Petition of Gilman Day and

rally referred to the Joint Special Committee on
ition of Gilman Day and others.

Poor, of Danvers, presented the Remonstrance of
n Cutler and others, citizens of South Danvers,
the Petition of James Culler and others, for
of line between South Danvers and Salem.

Mr. Pratt, of Grafton, presented the Remonstrance of Horace Batchelder and others, legal voters of Grafton. Also,

The same gentleman presented the Remonstrance of Luke Leland and others, of Grafton, severally against the Petition of Abraham Chace and others, for a New Town.

Mr. Wilkinson, of Dedham, presented the Petition of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dover, for aid for the support of State Paupers.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Reed, of Newburyport, presented the Petition of John Porter and others, of Newburyport, and

Mr. Lunt, of Newbury, presented the Petition of the Selectmen and others, of Newbury, severally in aid of the Memorial of the Danvers Railroad Company.

Mr. Phelps, of Springfield, presented the Petition of George W. Rice and others, in aid of the Petition of M. Blanchard and others.

Severally referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Mr. Chapin, of Westfield, presented the Remonstrance of Samuel Williston and others. Also,

The Remonstrance of the Town of Westfield, severally against the Petition of James M. Blanchard.

ally referred to the Committee on Railways and
and ordered to be printed.

ally sent up for concurrence.

Burbank, of Boston, presented the Petition of the
of the House of Representatives, for a suitable
for his labors, and the proper care and custody of
uments of the House.

red to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Crocker, of Barnstable, presented the Petition of
L. Foller and others, of the Marshpee Tribe of In-
for an alteration of the laws in relation to Voting
dict Affairs in Marshpee.

Pike, of Newton, presented the Petition of Thomas
and others, that Juries may fix the sentence in
l cases. Also,

Petition of George W. Searle and others, that the
or Court of the city of Boston, and the Court of
on Pleas, shall have concurrent jurisdiction with
reme Judicial Court, in the matter of Writs of
Corpus. Also,

Petition of Samuel Eldridge and others, that par-
y be competent as Witnesses in civil and criminal
Also,

The Petition of George W. Adams and others, that every adult citizen shall be eligible as a juror.

Severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

On motion of Mr. Phelps, of Springfield,

Ordered, That the Petition of J. M. Blanchard and others, and the Petitions in aid thereof; also, the Affidavits put in the case by the petitioners, be printed.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, of Mansfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending the third section of the one hundred and fifty-ninth chapter of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, as to make Certificates of Marriages returnable to the city or town clerks who issued the same, and report by Bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Jones, of Reading,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to consider the expediency of so far amending the statutes of eighteen hundred and fifty-five, as to no longer make it obligatory on Towns to support at least one agency for the sale of Liquors.

On motion of Mr. Bliss, of Worcester,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance report to this House the items of expenditure incurred in furnishing

of the State House, and so far as they can be obtained, the causes of the excess of the expenditure of the appropriations.

Motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston,

Resolved, That when this House adjourn, it be adjourned to eleven o'clock, A. M., to-morrow, and that eleven o'clock be the hour of meeting hereafter.

Motion of Mr. Parsons, of Northampton,

Resolved, That the Committee on Agriculture inquire whether any legislation is necessary, concerning the taxation of land for Agricultural purposes, and report thereon at the next session, or otherwise.

Put up for concurrence.

Mr. Weeks, of Lowell, offered the following Order, which was laid over, under the Rule.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth be directed to furnish each member of the present Legislature, and each member of the Executive Department, with one copy of the Records of the Colony of New Plymouth; also, one copy of the first five volumes of the Massachusetts General Court Records, at the expense of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Codman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, the Bill to enable parties in civil actions to be witnesses therein, reported,

That the Bill ought to pass.

On motion of Mr. Pike, of Newton, the further consideration thereof was specially assigned for Friday at one o'clock, A. M.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Order of Mr. Reed, of Newburyport, of January twelfth, first, respecting the velocity of railroad trains, and crossing bridges, reported,

That the same be referred to the Committee on Ways and Canals. The Report was accepted, and the Order sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Devereux, from the same committee, on the Order of Mr. Weeks, of Lowell, of January nineteenth, relative to Lottery and Gift Enterprises, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Accepted.

Mr. Hall, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the Senate Order relative to the amount of specie to be kept on hand by banks, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

. Thayer, from the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the Petition of the Trustees of the State Lunatic Hospitals, for a more just and equal compensation for the support of State Lunatic Paupers, reported, that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Generally accepted.

Generally sent up for concurrence.

. Baker, from the Committee on Education, on the petition of Henry A. Langley and others, of Belchertown, for their proportion of the School Fund, reported

Resolve in favor of the Town of Belchertown.

. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, Order relative to the expediency of further legislation in relation to Mortgages of Personal Property, re-

Bill in addition to an Act concerning Mortgages of Personal Property.

Generally read, and ordered to a second reading.

. Hall, from the Committee on Bills in a Third Reading, on the Resolve on the Petition of James W. Ardson, reported

The same Bill in a new draft.

The Bill was read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield, the

Bill "Relating to the issuing of Bank Bills, and rate of Interest to be paid to Banks by the Commonwealth,"

Was discharged from the Orders of the Day, and specially assigned for consideration on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock, A. M.

The hour specially assigned for the consideration of the Resolve providing for an Amendment to the Constitution, relative to Eligibility to Office, having arrived, the same was, on motion of Mr. Beal, of Boston, postponed for thirty minutes.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of Sumner Sargent and others, of Boston, for an Act of incorporation for the purpose of manufacturing locomotive boilers and other articles of wood and iron, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

The Petition of Ichabod Morton, for the establishment of State Scholarships for Females, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of the Mayor of Roxbury for the dis-
continuance of the burial grounds on the corner of
Hopkinton and Eustis Streets, (taken from the files of
1855) was committed to the Committee on Parishes
and Religious Societies.

Petition of Henry Crocker and others, in aid of
the petition of William F. Veazie, was referred to the
Committee on Railways and Canals.

Annual Report of the Inspectors of the State
Almshouse at Tewksbury, and

Annual Report of the State Almshouse at Monson,

were severally referred to the Committee on Public
Institutions.

Resolved, in concurrence.

Resolved, in concurrence, that the Joint Standing Com-
mittee on the Library be instructed to inquire as to what
provisions can be made for a room adjoining the
Library, for the use of the Secretary of the Board of
Education, the Librarian, and the Committee on Educa-
tion and on the Library.

Order of Notice (additional) was issued, in concur-
rence on the Petition of David Gore, of Hopkinton.

The Report, "inexpedient to legislate," on the
Order, instructing the Bank Commissioners to i
into certain transactions of the banks in the Co
wealth. Also,

On the Senate Order, relative to banks electing
Directors at their annual meetings. Also,

On the Senate Order, relative to inquiring of
Banks as petition for an increase of capital as to
practice of loaning money out of the State, &c. A

The Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petiti
Matthew Hooper and others, of Danvers,

Were severally accepted.

Severally in concurrence.

Mr. Cole, of Boston, moved a reconsideration o
vote whereby the House, yesterday, ordered to a
reading, the Bill to authorize Albert Bowker and J
Bates to build and extend their wharves.

Placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were taken up, the
matter being the motion to reconsider the vote wh
the House accepted the Report of the Committ
Elections, on the Petition of Edward W. Hink
William M. Cornell.

Justin Jones, of Boston, rose and proceeded to the House.

Devereux, of Salem, rose to a point of Order, point of Order was, that the acceptance of the Report had declared that Mr. J. Jones was not entitled to speak, and that therefore it was not in order for the man to speak on the floor of the House, without having been first granted him by the House, and before moved that the Report be laid upon the table.

vote was taken, and the motion was carried.

motion of Mr. Beal, of Boston, the Special Assign-
as taken up, the same being the Resolve provid-
an Amendment to the Constitution relative to
ity to Office; and on motion of the same gentle-
e further consideration of the same was specially
d for Tuesday next, at twelve o'clock, M.

Vose, of Boston, rose to a point of order, which
f order was: That the motion of Mr. Devereux,
m, to lay the Report of the Committee on Elec-
n the Petition of Edward W. Hinks and William
nell, on the table, was out of order, the gentleman
raised a point of order, which must first be decided

before any other business is entertained, and that consequently the motions entertained by the Chair be null and void.

The Speaker decided that the point of order was taken, and that the subject before the House was point of order, raised by the gentleman from Salem Devereux.

Mr. Devereux withdrew his point of order, and the question then recurred upon the reconsideration of the vote whereby the House accepted the aforesaid Report of the Committee on Elections, and the vote having been taken, it was decided in the affirmative, and the reconsideration was carried. The question then recurred upon the acceptance of the Report, pending which, on motion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, the same was recommitted to the Committee on Elections.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House concurred in the Senate amendment to the Bill in relation to an Act relating to Savings Banks, was carried, and on motion of Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, the House non-concurred in the said amendment.

The Bills, "To incorporate the Pacific Mutual Insurance Company,"

authorize John N. Swazey to extend his wharf in

incorporate the Framingham Hotel Company,"

authorize Francis Small to extend his wharf,"

authorize Shaw Norris to build a wharf,"

ating to the several Fishways in the several dams
ker's River, so called, in the town of Pembroke,"

e severally read a second time and ordered to a
reading.

Bill concerning the Vermont and Massachusetts
and was read a third time and passed to be engrossed,
currence.

Resolve providing for an Amendment to the Con-
on relative to the Qualification of Voters, (amend-
as read a third time, the question being on agree-
the passage of the same, according to the require-
of the Constitution. The Resolve was further
ed, on motion of Mr. Pike, of Newton. The ques-
aving been stated, the Roll was called, and the
er (Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, in the chair,) declared
e Resolve was not agreed to, the requisite number
aving voted in favor thereof. Subsequently the
er announced to the House that the Clerk had dis-

covered an error in the result as before declared. Roll was read to verify the vote.

Mr. Pool, of Abington, rose in his seat and requested to change his vote from the negative to the affirmative.

The Speaker decided that the gentleman could not change his vote, the result having been once declared, and the Speaker having only the right to correct clerical error.

Mr. Vose, of Boston, rose to a point of order, and his point of order was, that members have the right to change their votes until the result was declared.

The Speaker reaffirmed his decision.

Mr. Swallow, of Boston, appealed; pending which Mr. Vose, of Boston, withdrew his point of order.

Mr. Devereux, of Salem, renewed the point of order.

Subsequently, Mr. Swallow withdrew his appeal, and his appeal was renewed by Mr. Merwin, of Boston, and the question having been stated, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?" the vote was taken, and the Chair was sustained.

Speaker then proceeded to declare the vote, and ascertained that one hundred and eighty-eight members voted in the affirmative, and ninety-four in the negative, and two-thirds of the members present and voting, having voted in favor thereof, according to the requirements of the Constitution, said Resolve and Article of Amendment are agreed to, as amended, and the matter referred to the General Court next to be chosen.

Resolve and Article of Amendment were as follows, viz. :—

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Six.

R E S O L V E

Resolved, That for an Amendment to the Constitution, relative to the Qualification of Voters.

Resolved, By both Houses, the same being agreed to by a majority of the Senators and two-thirds of the members of the House of Representatives, present and voting thereon, that it is expedient to alter the Constitution of this Commonwealth, by adopting the subjoined Article of Amendment, and that the same as thus agreed be entered on the Journals of the two Houses, with

the Yeas and Nays taken thereon, and referred to the General Court next to be chosen ; and that the same be published ; to the end that if agreed to by the General Court next to be chosen, in the manner provided in the Constitution, it may be submitted to the people for ratification, in order that it may become part of the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

Article of Amendment.

No person shall have the right to vote, or be eligible to office under the Constitution of this Commonwealth, who shall not be able to read the Constitution in English language, and write his name.

Provided, however, That the provisions of this Amendment shall not apply to any person prevented by a physical disability from complying with its requisitions, nor to any person who now has the right to vote, nor to persons who shall be sixty years of age, or upward, at the time this Amendment shall take effect.

The Yeas and Nays on agreeing to the foregoing resolve and Article of Amendment, are as follows :—

Yeas.

Messrs. Abercrombie

Messrs. Clifford

Allen, J.

Coburn

Allen, S.

Cole, M.

Arnold

Colton

Ashley

Conley

Austin

Crocker

Babcock

Crosby

Bagley

Curtis

Barrows

Davenport

Batchelder, G.

Davis, J.

Batchelder, S.

Devereux

Baxter, W. W.

Dewey

Beal, J. H.

Dunton

Belden

Dupee

Blair

Dyer, D.

Blake

Earl

Bliss

Emery

Blood

Endicott

Bosworth

Estes

Bowker

Evans

Boyce

Felch

Brayton

Fenno

Briggs, E.

Fessenden

Briggs, H. S.

Flagg

Burt

Fletcher

Calef

Floyd

Chamberlain

Ford

Child, A.

Foster

Child, W. P.

Freeman

Clapp

French

Messrs. Fuller

Gale
 Gavitt
 Gay
 Gilbert
 Godfrey
 Goff
 Gould
 Goss
 Gray, E.
 Gray, J.
 Guilford
 Hager
 Hall, S. W.
 Hammond, A. B.
 Hammond, D.
 Hammond, E.
 Hard
 Harding
 Hartwell
 Haynes
 Healy
 Hero
 Herrick
 Heustis
 Hills
 Holbrook, A.
 Homer
 Howes
 Huse
 Ingalls
 Ingraham

Messrs. Johnson, J. P.

Johnson, W. F.
 Jones, P. C.
 Keith, E.
 Keith, P.
 Leach
 Lewis, D. J.
 Lewis, J. S.
 Lincoln
 Loring, Harrison
 Lovett
 Low
 Luscomb
 Manning
 Mansfield
 Manson
 Mayhew
 Mayo
 Merriam
 Miles
 Mixter
 Morrill
 Murdock
 Nye
 Oliver
 Orcutt
 Paine
 Parsons, E. T.
 Partridge
 Pearce
 Phelps, H. Jr.
 Phelps, S. H.

Mrs. Pike	Messrs. Story, S.
Pitman	Strickland
Plummer	Swan
Pollard	Taft, C. A.
Porter	Tagart
Potter	Taylor, C. J.
Pratt, C. M.	Taylor, C.
Pratt, J., 2d.	Tarbell
Putnam	Temple, J. H.
Reed	Tenney, J.
Rhoades	Thayer
Robbins	Thatcher
Robinson, E. R.	Thacher
Robinson, S. W.	Thaxter
Roby	Tidd
Rockwood	Towne
Rogers, C. O.	Turner
Russell, J. W.	Upham
Sawyer, J., 2d.	Upton
Shaw	Usher
Slade	Vose
Smith, B. M.	Warner
Smith, H.	Weeks
Smith, S. H. Jr.,	Weld
Smith, W.	Wells
Snow	Wheeler, A. B.
Southworth	Wheeler, L.
Sparrell	White, T. S.
Standish	Whitney, O., Jr.
Staples	Whiton
Stone	Wilcox
Story, I.	Williams, P. S.

Nays.

Messrs. Adams, L.

Andrews
 Armington
 Baker
 Baldwin
 Barney
 Bates
 Brown
 Burbank
 Burrill
 Case
 Chapin
 Cole, S.
 Conant
 Converse, A. L.
 Converse, W. B.
 Cooley
 Crane
 Crossman
 Davis, A.
 Dean
 Dennie
 Eastman
 Emerson
 Faulkner
 Freeland
 Frye
 Gardner
 Gordon
 Goulding

Messrs. Hale, C.

Hale, T. P.
 Hall, F.
 Handley
 Haviland
 Hicks
 Hinds
 Howard
 Jacobs
 Jenkins
 Jones, Jon.
 Kingsley
 Knight
 Lamb
 Lawrence, A.
 Loring, Hollis
 Lunt
 Marble
 Merwin
 Morrisy
 Mudge
 Nelson
 Newhall
 Nickerson
 Nutter
 Parsons, S. L.
 Phillips
 Pomeroy
 Pool
 Poor

Mr. Pratt, A., Jr.	Messrs. Thurston
Pratt, I.	Tilton
Rice	Titcomb
Robinson, W.	Walker
Russell, G. W.	Ward
Sawyer, M., 2d.	Warren
Sears	Webb
Sever .	Webber
Shepard	West
Smith, M.	Weston
Stebbins	White, M.
Stevens	Whitney, H. G.
Stoddard	Wilkinson
Stratton	Williams, J. O.
Swallow	Wood
Taft, P. W.	Woodcock
Taggart	Worcester

motion,

The House

Adjourned.

according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Mr. Jones, member from Reading.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Thayer, of Boston, presented the Petition of Samuel Jones and others, for an Act of incorporation for a Homoeopathic Medical Society, of Massachusetts. Also,

the Petition of John H. Wilkins and others, for an Act of incorporation for a Homoeopathic Medical Dispensary.

Generally referred to the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Mr. Johnson, of Provincetown, presented the Petition of E. Bowley and others, of Provincetown, for an extension of time for paying in the capital stock of the American Insurance Company.

Mr. Hicks, of New Bedford, presented the Remonstrance of Joseph V. Kelley, against the Petition of C. E. R. Dunham, of Edgartown, in relation to extension of their wharf.

Generally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. Lamb, of Greenfield, presented the Account of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Shelburne, for the support of State Paupers.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received from the Adjutant-General, Quartermaster-General, covering an estimate of the expenses of his Department for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

Referred to the Committee on the Militia.

A communication was received from the President of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company, covering the Report required by the Order of the House, of February fifteenth.

Referred to a Special Committee on the Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Brayton, of Fall River,

Ordered, That the Committee on Probate and Court Fees be instructed to consider and report the expediency of changing the time of holding a term of the Probate Court for the county of Bristol, from the first Tuesday in November, as now required by law, to the Friday after the first Tuesday in November.

motion of Mr. Taft, of Worcester,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending the second section of the hundred and sixty-seventh chapter of the Acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, relating to the Lists of Jurors.

motion of Mr. Ashley, of Fall River,

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads and Bridges be instructed to consider the expediency of extending the provisions of the fifty-fifth section of the thirty-ninth chapter of the Revised Statutes to county and town roads.

Reported up for concurrence.

motion of Mr. Swan, of Williamstown,

Resolved, That the Bill in addition to an Act to incorporate the Trinity Church in the town of Bridgewater, be discharged from the Orders of the Day and recommended to the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, for further consideration.

Mr. Crane, from the Committee on Leave of Absence, reported

leave of absence to Mr. Parker, of Cambridge, for ten days from the fourteenth instant.

Accepted.

Mr. Austin, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the Petition of W. B. Hazletine and others, reported

A Bill to incorporate the Boston and Kennebec Steamboat Company.

Mr. Dyer, from the Committee on Claims, on the Petition of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Huntington, reported

A Resolve in favor of the Town of Huntington.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The Order of Mr. Weeks, of Lowell, of the fourteenth instant was taken up, the question being upon the adoption of the same.

Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, offered an amendment. Mr. Burbank, of Boston, offered an amendment to the amendment, pending which, on motion of Mr. Devereux, of Salem, the Previous Question was ordered. The question then recurred on the amendment to the amendment, and the vote having been taken, it was decided in the affirmative, and the amendment was adopted. The question then recurred upon the amendment offered by Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, as amended, and the vote

en taken, it was decided in the negative, and the
ment, as amended, was rejected.

question then recurred on adopting the Order, and
te having been taken, it was decided in the affirma-
nd the Order was adopted.

sequently, Mr. Johnson, of Lowell, moved a recon-
ion of the vote, which motion was placed in the
of the Day.

Austin, of Boston, moved a reconsideration of the
hereby the Order of Mr. Phelps, of Springfield,
e to printing the Petition of J. M. Blanchard and
and the Petitions and other Documents in aid of
ne. Also,

vote whereby the House voted to print the Re-
ances of Samuel Williston and others, and the
of Westfield, against the same.

er a suspension of the Rule, the motions were sev-
considered, and the reconsideration carried.

question then recurred on the motion to print,
e vote having been taken, it was decided in the
ve.

Sever, of Boston, on leave, introduced a Resolve
or of the widow of John V. Low, late assistant-
ger to the Governor and Council, deceased, which,

under a suspension of the Rules, was read three times, and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Engrossed Resolve, in favor of the widow of John V. Low, late assistant-messenger to the Governor and Council, deceased,

(Which originated in the House of Representatives)

Was passed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Devereux, of Salem, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Resolve providing for an Amendment to the Constitution, relative to the Qualifications of Voters, was passed and referred to the General Court next to be chosen, according to the requirements of the Constitution, which motion was placed in the Order of the Day.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of A. B. Shedd and others, in aid of the Petition of William F. Veazie, was referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals, in concurrence.

An Order of Notice was issued, in concurrence, of the Petition of A. C. Carey.

lered, in concurrence, that the several Petitions of

The Essex Merrimack Bridge Company,
The Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation,
The Proprietors of the Lawrence Bridge,
The Mayor of the City of Boston, relative to
Albany Street,
J. W. Walcott and others, and
W. N. Ellis and others,

ken from the files, and recommitted to the Commit-
n Roads and Bridges. Also,

lered, That the several Petitions of

David Low,
C. F. and E. R. Dunham,
J. Curtis and others,
S. Piper, and
B. H. Breit and another,

ken from the files, and recommitted to the Commit-
n Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

e Report, "leave to withdraw," of the Committee
anufactures, on the several Petitions of

J. P. Jewett and others,
incorporated as the American Stereotype Company,

Oliver Estes and others,
to be incorporated as the Plymouth Zinc Mills;

Edward Larned and others,
for incorporation as the Taconic Woollen Mills;

Edward Howard and others,
to be incorporated as the Boston Watch Company,
placed in the Orders of the Day.

Bill, in addition to an Act to incorporate the Trustees
of the Punchard Free School, in the town of Andover;

Bill, to set off a part of the town of Stoneham,
annex the same to the town of South Reading,

Were severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Beal, of Boston, the Resolve of the
thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, providing for an
Amendment to the Constitution relative to Eligibility to
Office, question on agreeing to the final passage of the
Resolve, as required by the Constitution, was discharged
from the Orders of the Day, and specially assigned for
consideration on Tuesday next, at twelve o'clock, M.

And on motion of the same gentleman, the Resolve of the
one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, providing for
an Amendment to the Constitution relative to Eligibility
to Office, (Senate, No. 42,) question on agreeing to the
passage of the Resolve, as required by the Constitution,

discharged from the Orders of the Day, and specially
ordered for consideration on Thursday next, at twelve
o'clock, M.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and on
motion of Mr. Brayton, of Boston, the undebatable mat-
ters were first considered in their order.

The Bills, "In addition to an Act entitled an Act
authorizing James S. Chace to Plant Oysters in Taunton
River,"

To authorize Zeno Crowell to build a wharf,"

In addition to an Act respecting Leasehold Estates,
the one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven,
the two hundred and sixty-seven,"

To abolish the Police Court in the town of Black-
stone,"

Bill to incorporate the Jamaica Plain Athenæum,"

Authorizing the United States Chemical Manufac-
turing Company to change their name and location,"

were severally read a second time and ordered to a
third reading.

The Bill, to set off a part of the town of Braintree and annex the same to the town of Quincy, was passed over.

The Committee on Bills in Third Reading, on a Bill relating to Fishways in the several dams on Back Bay River, so called, in the town of Pembroke, reported

That the same be recommitted to the Committee on Fisheries.

Accepted.

The Senate Bills, "To set off a part of the town of Boxford, and annex the same to the town of Amesbury land,"

"In addition to an Act to establish a State Industrial School for Girls,"

"To change the name of the State Reform School for Girls,"

"To incorporate the Female Benevolent Society of South Danvers,"

"In addition to an Act to incorporate the Proprietors of the Rural Cemetery in Worcester,"

Were severally read a third time, and passed and engrossed, in concurrence.

Bills, "To incorporate the Pacific Mutual
pany,"

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ze Francis Small to extend his wharf,"

ze Shaw Norris to build a wharf,"

lly read a third time, passed to be en-
nt up for concurrence.

The House

Adjourned.

et according to adjournment.

ayer was offered by the Chaplain.

e Journal of Saturday was read.

. Tilton, of Boston, presented the Petition of Henry
ingham, in aid of the Petition of the Proprietors of
Essex Merrimack Bridge.

. Smith, of Truro, presented the Petition of Benja-
Allstrum, and Joseph L. McDonald and others,
voters of Provincetown and Truro, that a Bridge
be built across the East Harbor in Barnstable.

verally referred to the Committee on Roads and
rea.

. Webber, of Marblehead, presented the Remon-
ce of Thomas Stone, Jr., and others, of Swampscott,
st the Petition of Jonas B. Clarke and others.

ferred to the Committee on Towns.

. Merwin, of Boston, presented the Petition of Seth
Maxim, for authority to make a Herring Fishery
d Brook, in Wareham.

. Morrisy, of Nantucket, presented the Petition of

William Savery and others, in aid of that of Seth Maxim.

Mr. Nye, of Sandwich, presented the Petition of Salathiel H. Perry and others, for leave to plant and dig for oysters near the head of Buzzard's Bay, in a place called Back River.

Severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Mr. Pool, of Abington, presented the Petition of Asaph Dunbar and others, of Abington, for the incorporation of a Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. French, of Stoughton, presented the Petition of the Selectmen and other inhabitants of Stoughton, for an Act to confirm the tax assessed in said town in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Gould, of Falmouth, presented the Remonstrance of the Selectmen and others, of the town of Falmouth, against the Petition of Alexander Clark.

Referred to the Committee on Probate and Chancery.

On motion of Mr. Lamb, of Greenfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to consider the expediency of so amending the eleventh section of the four hundred and forty-fourth chapter of the Acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, that the oath required by said section may be made before a justice of the peace.

On motion of Mr. Bowker, of Hopkinton,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the first section of an Act, "entitled an Act relative to State Paupers," passed May twenty-one, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

On motion of Mr. Gilbert, of New Bedford,

Ordered, That the Committee on Railways and Canals inquire into the expediency of legislation upon the subject of the height of Bridges over Railroads.

Sp/t up for concurrence.

MR. Wells, of Stockbridge, on leave, introduced a *Reso* **Resolution** concerning the Franking Privilege, which was read, and referred to a Joint Special Committee, consisting of

William Savery and others, in aid of that of S
Maxim.

Mr. Nye, of Sandwich, presented the Petiti
Salathiel H. Perry and others, for leave to plant a
oysters near the head of Buzzard's Bay, in a place
Back River.

Severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries

Mr. Pool, of Abington, presented the Petiti
Asaph Dunbar and others, of Abington, for the i
ration of a Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affa
Insurance.

Mr. French, of Stoughton, presented the Pet
the Selectmen and other inhabitants of Stoughton
Act to confirm the tax assessed in said town in t
one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Gould, of Falmouth, presented the Remor
of the Selectmen and others, of the town of Fa
against the Petition of Alexander Clark.

Referred to the Committee on Probate and Cha

a motion of Mr. Lamb, of Greenfield,

ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to consider the expediency of so amending the ninth section of the four hundred and forty-fourth chapter of the Acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, that the oath required by said section be made before a justice of the peace.

a motion of Mr. Bowker, of Hopkinton,

ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the section of an Act, "entitled an Act relative to State officers," passed May twenty-one, eighteen hundred and fifty.

a motion of Mr. Gilbert, of New Bedford,

ordered, That the Committee on Railways and Canals inquire into the expediency of legislation upon the subject of the height of Bridges over Railroads

and report up for concurrence.

Mr. Wells, of Stockbridge, on leave, introduced a Resolution concerning the Franking Privilege, which was read, and referred to a Joint Special Committee, consisting of

Five on the part of the House, with such as they may join; and the Speaker took time to appoint.

Mr. Strickland, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, on the Petition of E. M. P. Wells and others, reported

A Bill, to incorporate certain persons by the name of the Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society.

Mr. Dyer, from the Committee on Claims, on the petition of the inhabitants of the town of Millbury, reported

A Resolve in favor of the Town of Millbury.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Senate Bill, in relation to the Observance of certain Days, reported

A Bill, concerning the Observance of Certain Days.

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Vose, from the Committee on Public Buildings, on the communication from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, relative to extra room, reported,

That in their opinion the suggestion contained in the communication ought to be adopted as soon as practicable. Also,

the same gentleman, from the same committee, to
 was referred the Statement of the Auditor, of the
 in regard to the Enlargement of the State
 se, reported,

that no further legislation is necessary thereon.

verally accepted.

a motion of Mr. Story, of Somerville, the Bill to en
 the jurisdiction of the Superior Court of the County
 Suffolk, and of the Court of Common Pleas, was dis-
 ed from the Orders of the Day, and recommitted to
 Committee on the Judiciary.

a motion of Mr. Upton, of Adams, the Resolve pro-
 g for an Amendment to the Constitution for Dis-
 ng the State for the choice of Representatives to the
 ral Court, was taken from the table, and placed in
 Orders of the Day.

a motion of Mr. C. Hale, of Boston,

dered, That the various Constitutional Amendments
 ing, be printed in one document for the use of the
 e.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of W. B. Norris, Physician and Surgeon of the Massachusetts State Prison, for an increase of salary, was referred to the Committee on Prisons.

A communication from the Insurance Commission relative to sundry matters referred to them by the Legislature of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Finance.

Severally in concurrence.

The Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of the Hampshire and Hampden Railroad Company, accepted, in concurrence.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the first matter, being the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Bill to authorize Albert Bowker and John Bates to build and extend their wharves was ordered a third reading, the vote was taken, and the motion lost.

The next matter in the Orders of the Day was taken up, the same being the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Order of Mr. Weeks, of Lowell,

to furnishing the members of the Legislature, and Executive Department, with certain Books, was voted.

Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, moved the indefinite postponement of the whole subject, pending which, on motion of Mr. Hagar, of Newton, the Previous Question was ordered, and the question then recurring on the motion to reconsider, the yeas and nays were ordered thereon motion of Mr. Robinson, of Lexington, and the yeas having been called, it appeared that one hundred and twenty-one members had voted in the affirmative, and seventy-two in the negative, and the motion to reconsider, was carried.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the report. Mr. Burbank, of Boston, offered an amendment to the report. Mr. Weeks, of Lowell, offered an Order as a substitute for the original Order; pending which, on motion of Mr. Orcutt, of Chelsea, the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House provided for an Amendment to the Constitution agreed to, was lost.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned

according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Vinson, of Edgartown, presented the Remonstrance of James Wilbur and others, against the Petition of Elijah [unclear] and others.

Mr. Baker, of Beverly, presented the Petition of James [unclear], of Boston, and others, in aid of the Petition of William F. Veazie.

Generally referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Mr. Kingsley, of Northampton, presented the Remonstrance of W. A. Arnold, against the Petition of Charles [unclear] and others, for a Dike Company in Northampton.

Mr. Martyn, of Haverhill, presented the Remonstrance of Joel Chace and others, of the town of Haverhill, against the Petition of the Proprietors of the Essex Mer-
chandise Bridge.

Generally referred to the Committee on Roads and

The Speaker appointed the following gentlemen as the Special Committee on the Resolves concerning the Printing Privilege, viz :—

Messrs. Wells, of Stockbridge,
Rice, of Westboro',
Lovett, of Charlestown,
Merriam, of Gardner, and
Lawrence, of Pepperell,
on the part of the House.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston,

Ordered, That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives, for Thursday evening next, be tendered to R. J. Elliot, of St. Louis, Mo., for a lecture on the Commerce of the West.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance inquire into the expediency of reporting a Bill, increasing the salary of the Treasurer of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Austin, of Boston, on leave, introduced a Bill in addition to an Act to authorize W. C. Barstow, J. Ward, E. S. Rand, and C. C. Gilbert, to extend the wharf, which, under a suspension of the Rules, was three times, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Codman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, from whom was referred an Order of Mr. Jones, of Reading, of the fifteenth of February, relative to the rate of Poll taxes, reported,

that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Accepted.

Mr. Mixter, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to whom was referred the Order of Mr. Jones, of Boston, of the twenty-eighth of February, relative to Joint Stock Companies, reported,

that the same be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Fessenden, from the Committee on Towns, on the petition of Abel Prescott and others, reported,

that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Turner, of Brookline, from the Committee on Manufactures and Banking, on the Order of Mr. Emerson, of Boston, of January fifteenth, relative to the suppression of Bank Bills of a less denomination than five dollars; and sundry Petitions in aid of the same, reported

Bill for the gradual suppression of small Bills.

Also, the same gentleman presented the Minority Report of said committee, relative to the same subject.

Severally laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thurston, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was recommitted the Bill to prevent Bank Officers from voting as proxy, reported

A Bill, "To prevent Bank Officers from voting as proxy."

Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Bill, "To incorporate the Webster Institute in the city of Cambridge," reported,

That the Bill ought to pass. •

The Bill was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Engrossed Bills, "To establish the office of Assistant-Attorney for the County of Suffolk,"

"To accept the surrender of the Charter of the Broad Mutual Fire Insurance Company,"

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

the Engrossed Resolves, "Relative to the Enlargement
of the State House,"

On the Petition of the Selectmen of Marshpee,"

Which severally originated in the House of Represent-
atives,)

Were severally passed, and sent to the Senate.



Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of William Appleton and Company and
others, for incorporation as the Globe Insurance Com-
pany, with a capital of one million dollars, was referred
to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance
and reported.

Orders of Notice were issued, in concurrence, on the
several Petitions of

Sidney C. Bancroft and others, and

The Fitchburg Railroad Company.

The Bill "Concerning the Middlesex Railroad Com-
pany," and

The Resolves, "Relative to a Scientific Survey of Boston
Harbor,"

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and there
was in addition to an Act concerning vacancies in School

Committees, was read a third time, the question being on passing the same to be engrossed. The Bill was amended, on motion of Mr. Warren, of Brighton, as amended, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill "To Repeal the four hundred and fifty-eighth Chapter of the Acts of eighteen hundred and fifty-six" was read a third time, the question being on passing the same to be engrossed. The Bill was amended, on motion of Mr. Ritchie, of Boston, and Codman, of Boston, as amended, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve relating to the Records of Middlesex County, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill in addition to an Act suppressing Horse Racing, approved April eighth, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, was read a second time, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading. On motion of Mr. Littlefield, of Foxboro', the Bill was amended by striking out the fourth section. Mr. Brainerd, of Pittsfield, offered an amendment. Mr. Littlefield, of Foxboro', rose to a point of order, which point of order

that the amendment offered by the gentleman from
eld, was substantially the same as the section
en out, and therefore could not be entertained.

The Speaker decided that the point of order was well

The question then recurred on ordering the Bill,
ended, to a third reading, and the vote having been
it was decided in the affirmative, and the Bill was
ed to a third reading.

The hour specially assigned for the consideration of
esolve of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five,
ing for an amendment to the Constitution relative
gibility to Office, having arrived, the same was, on
n of Mr. Littlefield, of Foxboro', specially assigned
nsideration on Friday next, at twelve o'clock, M.

The Resolve, on the Petition of Samuel Jennison, Jr.,
lian, was read a second time, the question being on
ng the same to a third reading.

The Resolve was amended, on motion of Mr. Thaxter,
atertown, and, as amended, ordered to a third read-

The Bill, in addition to an Act concerning Public
ements, was read a second time, the question being

on ordering the same to a third reading, pending
on motion of Mr. Weeks, of Lowell, the Bill was
nitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Clapp, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned

according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Walker, of Roxbury, presented the Petition of
Simmons and others, in aid of the Petition of
Wolcott and others.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Pratt, of Middleboro', presented the Petition of
Pratt and others, to be incorporated as the Titicut
Lumber Company, in Middleboro'.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Taggart, of Haverhill, presented the Petition of
P. Minot and other ladies, of Haverhill, for an Act
of Incorporation, under the name of the Haverhill La-
charitable Association.

Referred to the Committee on Public Charitable Insti-
tutions.

Potter, of Dartmouth, presented the Petition of
Nickerson and others, relative to Seining.

Mr. Vinson, of Edgartown, presented the Petition of William Cummings, for leave to build a fish weir from Chappequiddic Point to the Middle Ground in Edgartown Harbor.

Severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Mr. Tenney, of Georgetown, presented the Petition of the School Committee of the town of Boxford, for an allowance of school money

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Chapin, of Westfield, presented the Remonstrance of the citizens of Westfield, against the Petition of J. M. Blanchard.

Mr. Phelps, of Springfield, presented the Petition of R. R. Wright and others, in aid of the said Petition

Severally referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Whitney, of Westminster, presented the Petition of Augustus Wheeler and Lucy Wheeler, for the appointment of an Agent to convey real estate.

Referred to the Committee on Probate and Chancery.

Mr. Gordon, of West Newbury, presented the Petition of Benjamin Brown and others, of West Newbury, for a law to restrict the powers of County Commissioners.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Crossman, of Springfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary, be requested to report what further legislation, if any, necessary, in relation to mortgaged real estate.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Lowell,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary, consider the expediency of reporting a Bill authorizing the assessors to change the assessment of Taxes, from one year to another, when it may have been assessed to the wrong owner.

Mr. Howes, of Dennis, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Bill entitled, an Act in addition to an Act to authorize W. C. Barstow, B. C. Ward, E. S. Gilbert, and C. C. Gilbert, to extend their wharf, was passed to be engrossed, and, under a suspension of the rules, the motion was carried. The question then recurred on passing the Bill to be engrossed, pending which, Mr.

Austin, of Boston, introduced a Bill as a substitute, which was adopted, and the Bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Homer, from the Committee on Roads and Bridges, on the Petition of the Selectmen of Dennis, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Mr. Temple, from the Committee on Education, on the Petition of the Selectmen of Hopkinton, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Severally accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Codman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Slade, of Fall River, of the 10th of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, relative to the analyzing of spirituous liquors, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Mr. Lamb, from the same committee, on the Petition of Barnilla Benedict and others, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Severally accepted.

Mr. Potter, from the Joint Special Committee on Commissions, to whom was referred the Order of Mr. Potter, the twenty-seventh ultimo, reported in part an Order.

placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, the Senate Bill, in further addition to an Act in relation to Law Library Associations, reported,

that the same ought to pass.

The Bill was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Codman, from the same committee, on the Order of Mr. Taft, of Worcester, of the third instant, relative to the manner of conducting elections, and ascertaining the results thereof, reported

Bill concerning the Election of Civil Officers.

Mr. Briggs, from the same committee, on the Order of Mr. Burbank, of Boston, relative to the election of a Register of Deeds in the County of Suffolk, reported

Bill to provide for the election of a Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk.

Mr. Devereux, from the same committee, on the Bill relating to the Trustee Process, reported

A Bill, "Relating to the Trustee Process."

Mr. Codman, from the same committee, on the Petition of John L. Porter and others, reported

A Bill "To incorporate the Boston Union Coal Company."

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee on Fisheries, on a Bill relating to Fishways at the several Dams on Barker's River, so called, in the town of Pembroke, reported

A Bill, "Relating to Fishways at the several Dams on Barker's River, so called, in the town of Pembroke."

Mr. Conant, from the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on the Petition of E. H. Staddon and others, reported

A Bill, "To incorporate the Proprietors of Oak Grove Cemetery, in Gloucester."

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Petition of Daniel E. Chapin and others, reported

A Bill, "To incorporate the Trustees of the Weymouth District Methodist Episcopal Church Camp-meeting Association."

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Petition of J. L. Bailey and others, reported

Bill, "To authorize the Second Parish in Westbury to dispose of their Burial Grounds."

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the petition of the Congregational Society of the Second Precinct in Attleboro', reported

Bill, "In addition to an Act to incorporate the Congregational Society in the Second Precinct in Attleboro'."

Mr. Littlefield, from the Committee on Education, on the petition of the Gardner Library Association of Dorchester Lower Mills, reported

Bill, "To incorporate the Gardner Library Association."

Read, and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of the Congregational Library Association of Boston, for an alteration in their charter, was referred to the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

The Petition of E. F. Moseley and others, legal voters of Springfield, in aid of the Petition of E. A. Fuller and others, praying to be set off from the city of Springfield, and incorporated as a New Town, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

The Petition of Charles F. Dodge and others, of
erly, for a highway and bridge over Bass River, w
ferred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Severally in concurrence.

The Petition of Timothy A. Smith, relating to
Reform School at Westboro', was committed to a
Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Fisher and
on the part of the Senate, with such as the House
join; and the Speaker took time to appoint.

Orders of Notice were issued, in concurrence, on
several Petitions of

Dennis Littlefield and others,
Gage, Sawyer and Company,
Baze Norton and others, and
James M. Caller.

The Petitions of

Benjamin Worth and others, and
Elijah Norton and others,

were severally taken from the files and referred to
Committee on Fisheries.

The Bill, to divide the Commonwealth into Dis
for the choice of Councillors, and

The Bill, to incorporate the Haverhill Mechanics' I
tute,

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The Bill in addition to an Act relating to Savings Banks came down from the Senate with the following amendment, viz.: "The Senate insists." On motion of C. Hale, of Boston, the House insisted in their non-concurrence, and

Messrs. C. Hale, of Boston,
Andrews, of Danvers, and
Case, of Springfield,

Were appointed a Committee of Conference on the part of House.

The Engrossed Bills,

"To authorize John Pew to extend his wharf in Gloucester,"

"To incorporate the New England Railroad Mutual Insurance Company,"

"To authorize Parker Burnham, Joseph B. Burnham, Elias Burnham, to extend their Marine Railway."

Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,) and

"To set off a part of the town of Boxford and annex same to the town of Groveland,"

“In addition to an Act to incorporate the Property of the Rural Cemetery in Worcester,”

“To change the name of the State Reform School for Girls,”

“To incorporate the Female Benevolent Society of South Danvers,”

“Concerning the Vermont and Massachusetts road,”

“In addition to an Act to establish a State Reformatory School for Girls,”

(Which severally originated in the Senate,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Resolves,

“On the Petition of Jared Benson and others,”

“On the Petition of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Newbury,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed, and sent to the Senate.

one hour specially assigned for the consideration of Bill relating to the issuing of bank bills, and the rate of interest to be paid to the banks of the Commonwealth, having arrived, the same was taken up, and read a second time, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading; amendments were offered by Mr. C. Hale, of Taunton, pending which, on motion of Mr. Lovett, of Taunton, the Previous Question was ordered, and the amendments having been taken on the amendments, they were rejected. The question then recurred upon ordering the Bill to a third reading, and the vote having been taken, it was decided in the negative, and the Bill was ordered a third reading.

The Bills, "Relating to Divorce,"

In addition to an Act, entitled an Act authorizing Benjamin W. Miller to plant oysters in Taunton Great Pond," (also, another Bill,)

In addition to an Act, entitled an Act authorizing Benjamin W. Miller to plant oysters in Taunton Great Pond," and

The Resolves, "In favor of the Herring Pond Indians,"

In favor of the Town of Berlin,"

In favor of the Town of Wilmington,"

“On the Petition of the Society of Cincinnati of Massachusetts,”

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve, “In favor of the Chappaquiddick Indians,” was read a second time, amended, and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill, “Concerning the Metropolitan Railroad Company,” was read a second time, and refused a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Upton, of Adams,

The House

Adjourned

et according to adjournment.

ayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

Journal of yesterday was read.

Batchelder, of Holliston, presented the Petition of Bullard and others, for incorporation.

ferred to the Committee on Parishes and Religious ties.

Phelps, of Springfield, presented the Petition of Whitman and others, for an Act of incorporation of the Agawam Bridge Company. Also,

the Petition of Jesse Sikes and others, in aid of the

verally referred to the Committee on Roads and ges.

Mr. Taft, of Worcester, presented the Petition of Levi and others, for the repeal of the two hundred ninety-sixth chapter of the Acts of one thousand hundred and fifty-five.

ferred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Abercrombie, of Quincy, presented the Petition of Swallow and others, in aid of the Petition of Wil-Veazie.

Referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Mr. Vinson, of Edgartown, presented the Petition of Daniel Butler and others, against the Bank of Benjamin Worth and others.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Mr. Phelps, of Springfield, presented the Petition of G. C. Merriam and others, in aid of the Petition of the John Hancock Bank.

Mr. Crossman, of Springfield, presented the Petition of William E. Montague and others, against the Petition of the John Hancock Bank, of the City of Springfield.

Severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Blood, of Taunton, presented the Petition of Louisa Winslow and others, of Freetown, for the amendment of the law as regards the widow's right of dower.

Mr. Devereux, of Salem, presented the Petition of Nathaniel Appleton and others, for leave to appropriate funds to Seamen's Widow and Orphan Association.

everally referred to the Committee on Probate and
ncery.

n motion of Mr. Slade, of Fall River,

ordered, That the Committee on Finance be instruct-
to inquire into the expediency of reporting a Bill or
olve, authorizing the Secretary of the Commonwealth
ell, upon the best terms for the interest of the State,
three hundred volumes, more or less, of the Massa-
setts Records now on hand belonging to the Com-
wealth. And also, the stereotype plates of the said
sachusetts Records, now the property of the Com-
wealth.

n motion of Mr. Emerson, of Boston,

ordered, That the Joint Order whereby Orders of No-
were to be made returnable on or before the first day
April, be rescinded.

ent up for concurrence.

Mr. Codman, of Boston, moved a reconsideration of
vote whereby the Bill relating to Divorce, was ordered
third reading. Motion placed in the Orders of the
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On motion of Mr. Morrill, the Bill in addition to an
entitled an Act authorizing Benjamin W. Miller to

plant Oysters in Taunton Great River, was discussed from the Orders of the Day.

The Bill was read a third time, the question being passing the same to be engrossed, pending which Morrill offered a Bill, "In addition to certain Acts authorizing Benjamin W. Miller to plant Oysters in Taunton Great River," as a substitute, which was adopted, and the Bill was read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston, the vote which the House concurred in the Order of Notice issued on the Petition of Darius Littlefield and others, of Boston, was reconsidered, and the question then reconsidered on the concurrence, the House concurred.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, of New Bedford, the report for the gradual suppression of small Bills, and the Majority and Minority Reports thereon, were taken from the table, and placed in the Orders of the Day.

A message was received from the Senate, by the Hon. Mr. Thacher, announcing the election of Hon. WHITE, as President *pro tem.*, of that body.

Mr. Taft, from the Committee on Railways and Canals, the Petition of Gustavus Parker and others, for extension of time in building the Plympton and Wareham Railroad, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Lamb, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Jones, of Reading, of March fourth, concerning the sale of Liquors by Town Agencies, reported,

That the same be referred to the Joint Special Committee on so much of the Governor's Address as relates to the Bill concerning Spirituous and Intoxicating Liquors.

The Report was accepted, and the Order sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Codman, from the same committee, on the Memorial of Benjamin N. Bullock, of Leicester, for redress of wrongs, reported,

That the same be referred to a Joint Special Committee.

The Report was accepted, and the Speaker took leave to appoint said committee.

Mr. Ritchie, from the Committee on Railways and Canals, on the Petition of the Newburyport Railroad Company, reported

A Bill in addition to an Act to authorize the Newburyport Railroad to construct a Branch Railroad

Mr. Temple, from the Committee on Roads and Bridges, on the Bill in addition to an Act to incorporate the Boston Free Bridge, reported

A Bill in addition to an Act to incorporate the Boston Free Bridge.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Militia, on the estimate of the Adjutant and Quartermaster-General of the expenses of his department, reported

A Resolve concerning the Quartermaster-General's Department.

Mr. Edwards, from the Committee on Public Education, on the Report of the Commission on the establishment of a State Reform School for Girls, reported

A Resolve in favor of the State Reform School for Girls.

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading

On motion of Mr. Hero, of Milford, the Petition of C. Mayhew and others, for the abolition of the Police Court in the town of Milford, was taken from the table and referred to a Joint Special Committee, and the Speaker gave time to appoint.

Papers from the Senate.

The Remonstrance of Nathan W. Hazen against the Petition of the Boston and Maine Railroad Company, was referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals, in concurrence.

The Reports, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of Abod Morton, and William Sheldon and others, and on the Bill relative to the termination of Private Schools, were severally accepted, in concurrence.

An Order of Notice was issued, in concurrence, on the Petition of Seth S. Maxim.

The Resolve, on the Petition of Charles Scudder, was passed, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Bill to establish a Board of Directors of Public Institutions for the City of Boston and the County of Suffolk, was read, and ordered to a second reading.

met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Martyn, of Haverhill, presented the Remonstrance of Daniel Palmer and others, citizens of Haverhill, against the Petition of L. Maynard and others, of Bradford, that Mud Island, in Merrimack River, may be annexed to Bradford.

Referred to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, presented the Petition of G. Underwood and others, to be incorporated as the Ford Hotel Company.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. Nye, of Sandwich, presented the Petition of B. Town and others, citizens of Sandwich and Wareham, asking for a law to protect the fish upon their shores.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Mr. Parker, of Groton, presented the Petition of Wil-
Torrey and others, for an Amendment to the Constitu-

Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield, presented the Petition of Patrick Boise, Administrator, for leave to sell real

Referred to the Committee on Probate and Char

Mr. Nye, of Tisbury, presented the Petition of P. Norton and others, relating to the Rights of W

Laid on the table.

Mr. Hinds, of Boston, presented the Petition of Kelley and others, praying for a repeal of the Pe
Liberty Bill of one thousand eight hundred and fi

Referred to the Committee on so much of the
ernor's Address as relates to the Bill, "Concern
Rights and Liberties of the People of Massachuse

The Speaker appointed the following gentlemen
Committee on the Petition of Timothy A. Smith,

Messrs. Brayton, of Fall River,
Titcomb, of Lynnfield, and
Haynes, of Dorchester.

Sent up for concurrence.

Also, on the Petition of A. C. Mayhew and others, the following gentlemen as said committee, viz. :—

Messrs. Lawrence, of Cambridge,
Baxter, of Quincy,
Plummer, of Boston,
Cooley, of Conway, and
Paine, of Randolph.

sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Lamb, of Greenfield, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House yesterday accepted the Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Memorial of Benjamin N. Bullock. Under a suspension of the rules, the reconsideration was carried. The question then recurred on the acceptance of the Report. On the motion of the same gentleman the Report was amended by substituting the words, "a Special Committee," for "Joint Special Committee;" and the Report, as amended, was accepted.

The Speaker appointed the following gentleman as the committee, viz. :—

Messrs. Williams, of Boston,
Miles, of Hubbardston,
Webb, of Otis,
Stratton, of Northfield, and
Hard, of Lowell,

On motion of Mr. Ashley, of Fall River,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth be instructed to cause to be printed for the use of the Legislature, two thousand copies of the First Annual Report of the Insurance Commissioners.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported the Petition of the Selectmen of Westfield, and the Trustees of the Westfield Academy, reported

An Act to aid in the establishment of an Agricultural Department in Westfield Academy. Also,

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported the Petition of Marshall P. Wilder and others, for appointment as Trustees, to hold and apply funds for the promotion of Agriculture, reported

A Bill to incorporate the Massachusetts School of Agriculture.

Papers from the Senate.

An Order of Notice was issued, in concurrence, on the Petition of A. W. Smith and others.

The Petition of Joseph G. Luther and others, taken from the files, and recommitted to the Committee on Railways and Canals, in concurrence.

ordered, in concurrence, That the Petitions of the committees of the towns of Uxbridge and Northbridge, Samuel Burdon and others, C. Bancroft and others, James M. Caller and others, Simeon Littlefield and others, taken from the files, and recommitted to the Committee on Towns. Also,

ordered, That the Committee on Manufactures consider the expediency of so amending the "Act in relation to Joint Stock Companies," which limits the amount of capital of any company organized under it to the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, as to increase the sum to seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

the Report, "inexpedient to legislate," on the Senate report relative to assigning a room for certain committees

the Report, "that no further legislation is necessary on the Annual Report of the Librarian of the State Library,"

were severally accepted, in concurrence.

the Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of the Proprietors of the Lawrence Bridge, was accepted, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Emerson, a
non-concurred in the Report, and
General Court on the Petition of

The Bill in relation to bank directors
&c., was referred to the Committee
ing, in concurrence.

The Bill in addition to an Act to
of Mutual Redemption, came down
the endorsement, viz. : Concurred in
and non-concurred in the remainder
Fletcher, of Lowell, the House voted

Messrs. Fletcher, of Lowell,
Briggs, of Pittsfield,
Emerson, of Boston,
were appointed a Committee of Conference
of the House.

The Engrossed Bills, " In addition to
porate the Dorchester Avenue Railroad

" In addition to an Act to incorporate
and Directors, and Company, of the

(Which severally originated in the
tatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the
ate.

On motion of Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield, the Bill, "To
vide for the election of Register of Deeds in the
nty of Suffolk," was discharged from the Orders of
Day, and under a suspension of the Rules, read
e, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concur-
ce.

The Orders of the Day were taken up. The Resolve:
the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six,
viding for an Amendment to the Constitution relative
ligibility to Office, was, on motion of Mr. Dyer, of
ton, specially assigned for consideration on Wednesday
, at twelve o'clock, M.; and on motion of Mr. Sever,
Boston, the hour of one o'clock, on Thursday next,
specially assigned for taking the question on agree-
to said Resolve, as provided by the Constitution.

The Orders of the Day were laid on the table, and, on
on of Mr. Swallow, of Boston, as amended by Mr.
rill, of Fall River, it was ordered, that in the con-
ation of the Orders of the Day for to-day, the un-

debatable matters shall be first considered, and that any member wishing matters to be passed, shall give notice of his intention to debate them.

The Resolve, providing for an Amendment of the Constitution relative to the Right of Suffrage, was, on motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston, discharged from the Orders of the Day, and laid on the table.

The hour specially assigned for the consideration of the Resolve of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, providing for an Amendment to the Constitution relative to Eligibility to Office, having arrived, the same was laid on the table.

The Orders of the Day were taken up, and the Bills,

“To prevent the Evasion of the Laws for the Suppression of Lotteries,”

“Extending the time for locating and constructing the Rockport Railroad,”

“To change the corporate name of the Fourth Congregational Precinct in Rochester, and for other purposes,”

“To extend the time for locating and constructing the Amherst and Belchertown Railroad,”

Authorizing the County Commissioners of the County of Norfolk, to construct a bridge across the Boston New York Central Railroad, in Dorchester,"

In addition to an Act entitled an Act concerning mortgages of Personal Property,"

To incorporate the Boston and Kennebec Steamboat Company,"

In addition to an Act to incorporate the Trustees of Punchard Free School in the town of Andover,"

Concerning the Middlesex Railroad Company,"

In addition to an Act to authorize W. C. Barstow, J. Ward, E. S. Rand and C. C. Gilbert, to extend wharf,"

To authorize the Second Parish in West Newbury to lease of their Burial Grounds,"

To incorporate the Proprietors of the Oak Grove Cemetery, in Gloucester,"

Relating to Fishways at the several Dams on Barker's river, so called, in the town of Pembroke,"

To incorporate the Gardner Literary Association,"

“In addition to an Act to incorporate the Congregational Precinct in Attleboro’,”

“To incorporate the Haverhill Mechanics’ Institute,”

“In addition to an Act to incorporate the East Boston Free Bridge,”

“In addition to an Act to authorize the Newburyport Railroad Company to construct a Branch Railroad,”

“In addition to certain Acts authorizing Benjamin W. Miller to plant Oysters in Taunton Great River,” and

The Resolves,

“In favor of the Town of Belchertown,”

“In favor of the Town of Millbury,”

“Concerning the Quartermaster-General’s Department,”

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate Bills,

“Authorizing the United States Chemical Manufacturing Company to change their name and location,”

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"To incorporate the Webster Institute in the city of Cambridge,"

"In further addition to an Act in relation to Library Associations,"

Were severally read a third time, and passed and engrossed, in concurrence.

The House Bills,

"Relating to the return of Writs before Justices of the Peace and Police Courts,"

"To incorporate the Framingham Hotel Company

"To authorize Zeno Crowell to build a wharf,"

"In addition to an Act respecting Leasehold Estates

"To authorize Albert Bowker and Joshua Bates to build and extend their wharf,"

"In addition to an Act suppressing Horse Racing, passed April eighth, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and forty-six," and

The Resolves, "For procuring a catalogue of certain papers in the public offices in England,"

"Relating to the Records of Middlesex County,"

“On the Petition of Samuel Jennison, Jr., Guardian,”

“In favor of the Herring Pond Indians,”

“In favor of the Town of Berlin,”

“In favor of the Town of Wilmington,”

“On the Petition of the Society of the Cincinnati of Massachusetts,”

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill, in addition to an Act entitled an Act authorizing Benjamin W. Miller to plant Oysters in Taunton Great River, was, on motion of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, indefinitely postponed.

The Orders of the Day were laid on the table, and on motion of Mr. Potter, of Dartmouth, the Report of the Committee on Commissions, (in part,) recommending the adoption of an Order calling on the Secretary of the Commonwealth, for information relative to the Commissions now existing, was discharged from the Orders of the Day, and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

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The hour specially assigned for the consideration of Bill to enable parties in civil actions to be Witnesses therein, having arrived, the same was taken up, question being on ordering the same to a third reading pending which, on motion of Mr. Beal, of Boston, Bill was laid on the table.

The Orders of the Day were again taken up, and motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Bill relating to Divorce, was ordered to a third reading, was carried. The question then recurred on ordering the Bill to a third reading. The Bill was amended, on motion of Wilkinson, of Dedham, and pending the main question the further consideration thereof was specially assigned to Tuesday next, at one o'clock, P. M.

The next matter in the Orders of the Day, was a Resolve providing for the pay of the Council, Senate and House of Representatives. The Resolve was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

On motion,

The House

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 1856.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Briggs, of Attleboro', presented the Petition of Selectmen of Swanzey, praying for an alteration of t in fishing privilege in Palmer's River.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, presented the Petition of Phineas W. Leland and others, to be incorporated as Fall River Athenæum in Fall River.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Robinson, of Charlestown, presented the Petition of George P. Kettell and others, in aid of the Petition of William F. Veazie.

Referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Swan, of Williamstown, on leave, introduced a Bill, in addition to an Act in relation to conveyances and devises of personal and real estate for religious purposes.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Mansfield, of Blackstone,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of further legislation relative to the collection of taxes on personal property.

Mr. Codman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Brooks, of Worcester, relating to owners of real estate not lying on any public way, reported,

Inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Accepted.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Bill to prevent frauds in officers of corporations, reported

A Bill to prevent frauds in officers of corporations, and other persons.

Mr. Strickland, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, on the Petition of Eliab Whitney for a Probate Court in the town of North Bridgewater, reported

A Bill establishing a Probate Court in North Bridgewater, in the county of Plymouth, and changing the time for holding the Probate Court in Middleboro', in said county.

Mr. Lamb, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Worcester, of Townsend, of March, eighth, relative to the expediency of amending the two hundred and sixty-fourth chapter of the Acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, reported

A Bill to exempt certain articles from attachment and execution.

Mr. Devereux, from the same committee, on the Petition of the Mayor of the city of Cambridge, for an amendment of the charter of that city, reported

A Bill in further addition to an Act establishing the City of Cambridge.

Mr. Hale, from the Committee on the Library, on the Senate Order relative to the occupancy of the new Library Room, reported

A Resolve relating to the State Library.

Mr. Hall, from the Committee on Bills in a Third Reading, on the Resolve in favor of the Chappequiddic Indians, reported

A Resolve in favor of the Guardian of the Chappequiddic Indians and others.

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Hall, of Cambridge, moved a reconsideration of the vote, whereby the Resolve relating to the Records of Middlesex County was passed to be engrossed.

Motion placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Emerson, of Boston, the Report on the Petition of Luther Drew was recommitted to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of the School Committee of the town of Boxford, for allowance of School Money, came down from the Senate, non-concurred in the reference to the Committee on Claims, and referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion, the House receded and concurred.

The Bill, to change the name and location of the American Composite Marble Company, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

An Order of Notice was issued, in concurrence, on the Petition of Henry Frothingham.

Ordered, in concurrence, That at the close of the present session of the Legislature, the Secretary of the Commonwealth prepare a Circular, setting forth all the duties

of Registrars and Clerks of the several towns and cities, under the several Acts then in force, relative to returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths; also, the duties of such individuals as are to make returns to the said Registrars and Clerks, and of the penalties of neglect of such duties. A copy of such circular to be sent to each Registrar, Clerk, Justice of the Peace, and Clergyman, throughout the Commonwealth.

A Bill, to authorize the appointment of Auditors, and defining their powers, was read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill in relation to lands mortgaged to the Commonwealth, under a suspension of the Rules, took its several readings, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Engrossed Bill, "In relation to lands mortgaged to the Commonwealth,"

(Which originated in the Senate,)

Was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Orders of the Day were taken up, and on motion of Mr. Taylor, of Great Barrington, it was ordered, that in the consideration of the Orders of the Day for to-day, the undebatable matters shall be first considered in their

order, and that any member wishing matters to be passed shall give notice of his intention to debate them.

The Bills, "Extending the time for the construction of the Boston, Barre, and Gardner Railroad,"

"Relating to the Trustee Process,"

"To incorporate the Worcester District Methodist Episcopal Church Camp-Meeting Association," and

The Resolve, "In favor of the Town of Huntington,"

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve relating to Repairs and Furniture for the State House, was liad on the table.

The Senate Report, leave to withdraw, on the several Petitions of

J. P. Jewett,

Edward Larned and others,

Oliver Edes and others, and

Edward Howard and others,

Was laid on the table.

The Senate Bills, authorizing the County Commissioners of the county of Norfolk to construct a Bridge across

the Boston and New York Central Railroad in Dorchester,

In addition to an Act to incorporate the Punchard Free School in the town of Andover,

To incorporate the Haverhill Mechanics' Institute,

Were severally read a third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

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"To authorize the Second Parish in West Newbury to dispose of their Burial Grounds,"

"To incorporate the Proprietors of the Oak Grove Cemetery in Gloucester,"

“Relating to Fishways at the several dams on Barker’s River, so called, in the town of Pembroke,”

“In addition to an Act to incorporate the Congregational Society in the Second Precinct in Attleborough,”

“In addition to an Act to authorize the Newburyport Railroad Company to construct a Branch Railroad,” and

The Resolves, “Concerning the Quartermaster-General’s Department,”

“In favor of the Town of Millbury,”

“In favor of the Town of Belchertown,”

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill, authorizing the County Commissioners of the County of Middlesex to lay out a highway, and construct a bridge over Malden River, was next taken up, and read a third time, the question being on passing the same to be engrossed.

The Resolve was amended, on motion of Mr. Titcomb, of Lynnfield, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment, which was sent up for concurrence.

The Bill, to set off a part of the town of Stoneham, and annex the same to the town of South Reading, was

taken up and read a second time, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading.

Mr. Tidd, of Stoneham, moved the indefinite postponement of the whole matter, pending which, the Previous Question was ordered, and the vote having been taken, the Bill was ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Adams, of New Marlboro',

The House

Adjourned.

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On motion of Mr. Adams, of New Marlboro',

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of Saturday was read.

Mr. Eastman, of Amherst, presented the Petition of John S. Adams and others, in aid of the Petition of J. M. Blanchard and others, for leave to build a railroad.

Referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Mr. Freeland, of West Springfield, presented the Petition of M. A. Kirkland and others, in aid of the Petition of Lyman Whitman and others, for an Act of incorporation as the Agawam Bridge Company.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Freeman, of Orleans, offered the following Order, which was laid over, under the Rule:—

Ordered, That the Order of the House passed March fourteenth, whereby the House agreed to adjourn to eleven o'clock, in future, be rescinded, and that when this House adjourn, it adjourn to meet to-morrow, at ten o'clock, and that be the hour of meeting until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Slade, of Fall River,

Ordered, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, be directed to consider the expediency of amending the third section of chapter one hundred and eighty-eight, of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, regulating the sale of coal, so as to read as follows, viz.: No person engaged in the business of selling coal, and no person acting as clerk, servant, factor or agent, to a coal dealer, shall act as weigher.

Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, offered an Order relative to the pay of the members of the General Court, which was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Strickland, of Sandisfield, the Petition of Edward Blake was taken from the files, and re-committed to the Committee on Probate and Chancery.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Petition of G. W. Adams and others, reported

Inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Accepted.

Mr. Strickland, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, on the Petition of Edward Blake, reported

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 1856.

**A Resolve on the Petition of Edward Blake
to sell real estate.**

Read and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

**The Petition of the Boston and Lowell Railroad
Company for an extension of time for filing location
plans for constructing their branch railroad in the city of Lowell,
referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals,
in concurrence.**

**Ordered, in concurrence, That the Committee
on Railways and Canals inquire into the expediency of
granting additional powers to Railroad Commissioners appeal
to the Supreme Court under the Act of March two
thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.**

**The Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition
of the Lebanon Springs Railroad Company, was adopted
in concurrence.**

**The Bill to incorporate the Pacific Mutual Insurance
Company, came down from the Senate with amendments,
which were adopted, in concurrence.**

**The Bill in addition to several Acts in relation to the
Registry and Returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths,
and**

The Bill establishing Boards of Trustees for the State Lunatic Hospitals, and in addition to the Acts concerning Lunatic Hospitals,

Were severally read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill relating to Savings Banks and Institutions for Savings was read, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

The Orders of the Day were taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Resolve relating to the Records of Middlesex County was passed to be engrossed, was carried. The question then recurred on passing the Resolve to be engrossed, pending which, on motion of Mr. Stone, of Charlestown, the same was indefinitely postponed.

The Bill to abolish the Police Court in the town of Blackstone, was read a third time, amended, on motion of Mr. Mansfield, of Blackstone, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill to incorporate the Jamaica Plain Athenæum was read a third time, amended, on motion of Mr. Smith, of West Roxbury, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 1856.

Bill, "To set off a part of Braintree, and annex same to the town of Quincy," was, on motion of Holbrook, of Braintree, laid on the table.

Bill, "Concerning the Observance of Certain I was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and up for concurrence.

Bill, "To incorporate certain persons as the Ma Coffin Prayer Book Society," was read a second amended, on motion of Mr. Strickland, of Sandi and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve, "Providing for an Amendment Constitution for Districting the State for the ch Representatives to the General Court, was read a time. Mr. Fenno, of North Chelsea, offered amend to the Resolve, which were ordered to be printed. further consideration of the Resolve was then, on r of Mr. Fenno, of North Chelsea, specially assign Tuesday, April first, at twelve o'clock.

The Bill, "To prevent Bank Officers from vot proxy," was read a second time, amended, on mot Mr. Lawrence, of Cambridge, and ordered to a reading.

Resolves, "Relative to a Scientific Survey of Boston Harbor," were read a second time. Amendments were offered by Messrs. Conley, of Boston, and Calef, of Boston, pending which, on motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston, the whole subject was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 1866.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Se

The Journal of yesterday was read.

**Mr. Edwards, of Southbridge, presented the
of the School Committee of the town of Southbr
an allowance of school money.**

Referred to the Committee on Education.

**Mr. Stone, of Charlestown, presented the Pe
Henry Howland and others, that the territory k
the South and South-west Districts, in the town
den, be set off and incorporated as a new town
name of Belmont.**

**Mr. Poor, of Danvers, presented the Petition
Upton and others, in aid of the Petition of S. C.
and others, for changing the dividing line betwe
and South Danvers.**

Severally referred to the Committee on Towns

**Mr. Hawks, of Adams, presented the Petition
Richardson and others, to be incorporated as the A
Hotel Company, in North Adams.**

**Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Aff
Insurance.**

Mr. Hinds, of Boston, presented the Petition of George Everett, to be indemnified for certain costs incurred by him while in the discharge of official duties.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Smith, of West Roxbury, presented the Petition of the inhabitants of West Roxbury, for a Bank Charter.

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, presented the Petition of the City of Worcester, for an Act amendatory of an Act for supplying the city with pure water.

Mr. Russell, of Salem, presented the Petition of George Wheatland and others, of Salem, in favor of the Memorial of the Danvers Railroad Company.

Severally referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hawks, of Adams,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee consider whether some more effectual method for suppressing idleness and dissipation may not be adopted than at present exists.

Also, on motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider the propriety, of authorizing justices of the peace to issue warrants for the arrest of offenders escaping from adjoining States, and cause them to be returned to the line of the State from which they have fled, upon application being made by proper authority.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, of Charlestown,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed, to inquire into the expediency of reporting a Bill, giving justices of the peace jurisdiction in civil causes, in case of the death of the justice of the peace before whom any action is pending, without any additional cost.

On motion of Mr. Clapp, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Order adopted the twenty-first inst., directing that two thousand extra copies of the Annual Report of the Insurance Commissioners be printed, is hereby rescinded.

On motion of Mr. Estes, of Ipswich,

Ordered, That the Committee on Fisheries consider

the expediency of reporting an Act in addition to an Act for the protection of the fisheries in Ipswich River, in the town of Ipswich.

‘Mr. Ashley, of Fall River, offered an Order relative to the pay of the members of the General Court, which was rejected.’

Mr. P. C. Jones, of Boston, offered an Order relative to increasing the salaries of the Warden and Deputy Warden of the State Prison, which was rejected.

‘The Order of Mr. Freeman, of Orleans, relative to the hour of meeting, was taken up, and rejected.’

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee on Fisheries, on the Petition of William Cummings, for the privilege of building a fish weir, reported,

That the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Codman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Petition of George W. Searle and others, that the Superior Court of the city of Boston, and the Court of Common Pleas, shall have concurrent jurisdiction with

the Supreme Judicial Court in the matters of Writs of Habeas Corpus, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Petition of Thomas Keyes and others, that juries may fix the sentence in criminal cases, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition.

Mr. Lamb, from the same committee, on the Order of Mr. Hinds, of Boston, of January twenty-fifth, relative to Draw Bridges over navigable waters, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Mr. Crane, from the Committee on Leave of Absence, reported leave of absence to Peter C. Jones, of Boston, for five days from and after the twenty-fourth instant.

Severally accepted.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Communication from His Excellency the Governor, transmitting a letter from Col. Thayer, of United

States Corps of Engineers, relative to the cession of jurisdiction over Egg Island Shoal, and other localities in the city and harbor of New Bedford, reported

A Bill to cede to the United States jurisdiction over certain lands and shoals in the city and harbor of New Bedford, and for other purposes.

Mr. Hale, from the Committee on the Library, on the Senate Order relating to correcting and publishing the State Map, reported

Resolves in relation to Town Maps.

Mr. Strickland, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, on the Petition of John Hartwell and others, reported

A Bill, "Concerning the Registry of Deeds, in the town of Littleton."

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Brayton, from the Committee on Bills in a Third Reading, on the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society, reported

The same Bill in a new draft, which was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Reed, from the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the Order directing them to inquire into the expediency of suspending all proceedings commenced under the Act passed May twenty-one, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, for establishing a Hospital for Insane in Western Massachusetts, reported,

That said proceedings ought to be suspended.

The Report was laid on the table, and one thousand extra copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Devereux, of Salem, on leave, introduced a Resolve concerning the Journals and Papers of the House of Representatives, which, under a suspension of the Rules, took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Engrossed Bills,

“In further addition to an Act in relation to Law Library Associations,”

“To incorporate the Webster Institute in the city of Cambridge,”

“To authorize the United States Chemical Manufacturing Company to change their name and location,”

(Which severally originated in the Senate,) and

The Bills,

“Relating to the Venue of Certain Actions,”

“To authorize Francis Small to extend his wharf,”

“To authorize John N. Swazey to extend his wharf in Lynn,”

“In addition to an Act authorizing James S. Chase to plant Oysters in Taunton Great River,”

“To authorize Shaw Norris to build a wharf,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of S. P. Heywood and others, that the County Commissioners of the County of Middlesex may be authorized to lay out certain bridges as a portion of the public highway, was referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

The Petition of Nathaniel Austin, of Charlestown, and others, in aid of the Petition of William F. Veazie, was referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

The Petition of the Mayor of the city of Boston, relative to laying out and widening streets, was referred to a Joint Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Raymond and King, on the part of the Senate, and

Messrs. Worcester, of Townsend,
Usher, of Lynn,
Earle, of Swanzey,
Converse, of Monson, and
Warren, of Brighton,
on the part of the House.

The Bill in relation to the Boston Clearing House, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Severally in concurrence.

The Bill in relation to Lunatics and Idiots, was read and ordered to a second reading.

The Bill in addition to an Act relating to Savings Banks, came down from the Senate with Messrs. Dewey, White and Osgood, joined as a Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate.

The Orders of the Day were taken up, and the Bill to incorporate the Boston Union Coal Company, was read a second time, the question being on ordering the same

to a third reading; pending which, on motion of Mr. Vose, of Boston, the Bill was indefinitely postponed.

The Bill concerning the Election of Civil Officers, was read a second time, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading; pending which, on motion of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, the same was recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Bill to divide the Commonwealth into Districts for the choice of Councillors, was read a second time, amended, on motion of Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, and ordered to a third reading.

The hour specially assigned for the consideration of the Bill relating to Divorces, having arrived, the same was taken up, the question being on ordering the Bill, as amended, to a third reading. The Bill was further amended, on motion of Mr. Wilkinson, of Dedham, and as amended, ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Gray, of Holyoke, presented the Petition of Otis Holmes and others, in aid of the Petition of J. M. Blanchard.

Mr. Bates, of Southampton, presented the Remonstrance of the citizens of Southampton, against the Petition of J. M. Blanchard and others.

Severally referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Mr. Baker, of Beverly, presented the Petition of D. W. Bradley and others, for further time to pay land notes due the Commonwealth.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Hero, of Milford, presented the Remonstrance of Eliab Littlefield and others, against the Petition of Elias Bullard and others.

Referred to the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of reporting a Bill to regulate the liability of inn-keepers, as to the custody of personal property belonging to their guests.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell,

Ordered, That a Joint Special Committee of Five, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed, with instructions to consider and report a standing Rule, as to whether or not votes cast for ineligible candidates, to any of the offices under the Constitution of this Commonwealth, should be considered and treated as blanks, and that said committee be further instructed, to report before the tenth day of April next, and

Messrs. Fletcher, of Lowell,

Wilkinson, of Dedham,

Briggs, of Pittsfield,

Merwin, of Boston, and

Dyer, of Boston,

were appointed on the part of the House.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Johnson, of Lowell, presented 'the Remonstrance of the Board of Investment of the Lowell Institution for

Savings, against the proposed Bill, relating to Savings Banks.

Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Claims, on the Petition of J. S. Jones, reported,

That the same be referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Hinds, from the Joint Special Committee on so much of the Governor's Address as relates to Districting the State for the choice of Councillors, the election of County Officers, &c., reported

A Bill, "Concerning the election of Clerks of Courts and other County Officers," which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Bill, "To divide the Commonwealth into Districts for the choice of Councillors," was ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Torrey, of Boston, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Resolve relative to the Journals and Papers of the House, was passed to be engrossed.

Motions severally placed in the Orders of the Day.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of the Salem and Lowell Railroad Company, for leave to use the branch tracks of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Company, was referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

The Petition of Edward Earl and others, for an Act of incorporation as the Worcester Peat Company, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

The Remonstrance of N. H. Sherman and others, against the Petition of David Nye and others, and

The Remonstrance of Peter Mackie and others, against the same, were severally referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Severally in concurrence.

An Order of Notice was issued, in concurrence, on the Petition of Charles P. Dodge and others.

The Petition of A. C. Cary, was taken from the files, and recommitted to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Bill, in addition to an Act to incorporate the Tremont Gas Light Company, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Severally in concurrence.

The Bill concerning the Sinking Fund of the Western Railroad Company, was read, and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sever, of Boston, the Resolves relative to a Scientific Survey of Boston Harbor, were taken from the table and considered, the question being first on the amendment to the amendment. By leave of the House, Mr. Calef withdrew his amendment; the question then recurring on the amendment offered by Mr. Conley, of Boston, the vote was taken, and the amendment was rejected. The question then recurred on ordering the Resolve to a third reading, and the vote having been taken, the same was ordered to a third reading.

The hour specially assigned for the consideration of the Resolve providing for an Amendment to the Constitution relative to Eligibility to Office, having arrived, the same was taken up, the question being on agreeing to the same, as provided for in the Constitution. Mr. Ritchie, of Boston, offered a substitute, which was adopted. Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, offered an amendment, pending which, the Resolve was laid on the table.

The Engrossed Bills, "To incorporate the Pacific Mutual Insurance Company,"

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

"Authorizing the County Commissioners of the County of Norfolk to construct a bridge across the Boston and New York Central Railroad, in Dorchester,"

"In addition to an Act to incorporate the Punchard Free School, in the town of Andover,"

"To incorporate the Haverhill Mechanics' Institute,"

(Which severally originated in the Senate,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Resolve, on the Petition of James W. Richardson,

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Was passed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Brayton, of Fall River,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Se

The Journal of yesterday was read.

**Mr. Kingsley, of Northampton, presented the
of Lorenzo W. Joy and others, for confirmation
to certain lands in Northampton.**

Referred to the Committee on Probate and Cl

**Mr. Cole, of Sutton, presented the Remons
George E. Belknap and others.**

**Also, the Remonstrance of D. C. Haviland,
against the Petition of Abraham Chase and oth**

Severally referred to the Committee on Town.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

**Mr. Hinds, from the Committee on Engros
on the Bill in addition to an Act entitled "An
cerning Vacancies in School Committees," repor**

**That the same be recommitted to the Com
Education.**

Papers from the Senate.

The Report of the Commissioners under the

cerning the purchase of Spirituous Liquors for Town Agents, was referred to the Committee on so much of the Governor's Address as relates to Intemperance.

The Petition of the Boston and Chelsea Railroad Company, relative to the acceptance of their charter, was referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

The Petition of the Town of Orleans, for the protection of the fisheries in said town, through their Committee, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Severally in concurrence.

The Bills, "Concerning Draw Bridges,"

"Relative to the House of Correction and Jail in the county of Plymouth,"

"To authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to establish an additional branch track of their railroad, in the city of Lowell,"

"To incorporate the Town of Cushman,"

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, the Resolve providing for an Amendment to the Constitution relative to Eligibility to Office, was taken from the table and con-

sidered, the question being first on the amendment of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, and then on agreeing to the Resolve, as amended, as provided by the Constitution. The hour specially assigned for taking the question having arrived, the vote was taken, and the amendment was rejected. The question then recurred on agreeing to the Resolve, and the Roll having been called, it appeared that one hundred and sixty-six members had voted in the affirmative, and one hundred and twenty-nine in the negative; and two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon, not having voted in the affirmative, the Resolve was lost.

The Resolve and Article of Amendment were as follows, viz. :—

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Six.

R E S O L V E

Providing for an Amendment to the Constitution, relative to Eligibility to Office.

Resolved, by both Houses, (the same being agreed to by a majority of the Senators, and two-thirds of the members of the House of Representatives, present and voting thereon):—

That it is expedient to alter the Constitution of this Commonwealth, by adopting the subjoined Article of Amendment, and that the same, as thus agreed to, be entered on the Journals of the two Houses, with the Yeas and Nays taken thereon, and referred to the General Court next to be chosen, and that the same be published, to the end that, if agreed to by the General Court next to be chosen, in manner provided by the Constitution, it may be submitted to the people for their ratification, in order that it may become part of the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

No person shall hold any political, judicial or military office, under the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, unless he shall have been born within the jurisdiction of the United States of America, or unless, if born without the jurisdiction of the United States of America, he shall have been the child of an American born citizen.

The Yeas and Nays, on agreeing to said Resolve and Article of Amendment, were as follows:—

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1856.

Yeas.

Messrs. Abercrombie

Arnold
Ashley
Austin
Babcock
Bagley
Baldwin
Barrows
Batchelder, G.
Batchelder, S.
Baxter, W. W.
Beal, G., Jr.
Belden
Blair
~~Blakely~~
Blood
Bosworth
Bowker
Boyce
Brayton
Briggs, E.
Burt
Calef
Chamberlain
Clapp
Clifford
Coburn
Codman
Cole, M.
Colton

Messrs. Conley

Cook
Crosby
Curtis
Davenport
Davis, A.
Devereux
Dewey
Dyer, D.
Dyer, M., J.
Earl
Emery
~~Evans~~
Evans
Farrington
Felch
Fenno
Fessenden
Flagg
Fletcher
Floyd
Ford
Freeman
French
Fuller
Gale
Gay
Gilbert
Godfrey
Goff

Messrs. Gould

Goss
Gray, J.
Hagar
Hall, S. W.
Hammond, A. B.
Hammond, D.
Hard
Harding
Haynes
Healy
Hero
Herrick
Heustis
Hicks
Hills
Holbrook, A.
Holbrook, J. E.
Homer
Howe
Howes
Huse
Johnson, J.
Johnson, J. P.
Johnson, W. F.
Jones, T. N.
Keith, E.
Keith, P.
Leach
Lewis, D. J.
Lewis, J. S.
Lincoln

Messrs. Littlefield

Lovett
Low
Luscomb
Mansfield
Mayhew
Mayo
Meekins
Merriam
Miles
Milliken
Moore
Morrill
Murdock
Nye
Oliver
Orcutt
Paine
Partridge
Pearce
Phelps, C. A.
Phelps, H. Jr.
Phelps, S. H.
Pollard
Potter
Pratt, J., 2d.
Putnam
Read
Reed
Rhoades
Robinson, E. R.
Robinson, J.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27,

Messrs. Robinson, J. D.

Messrs.

Roby

Rockwood

Russell, J. W. .

Sawyer, J., 2d.

Shaw

Slade

Smith, B. M.

Smith, H.

• Smith, W.

Snow

Southworth

Sparrell

Staples

Stone

Story, I.

Story, S.

Swan

Taft, C. A.

Tagart

Taylor, C. J.

Nays.

Messrs. Adams, E.

Messrs.

Adams, L.

Allen, J.

Allen, S.

Armington

Baker

Messrs. Brooks

Brown
Burrill
Case
Chapin
Child
Childs
Cole, S.
Conant
Converse, A. L.
Converse, W. B.
Cooley
Crane
Crocker
Crossman
Dean
Dennie
Dunton
Dupee
Edwards
Emerson
Endicott
Faulkner
Floyd
Foster
Freeland
Frye
Gardner
Gaston
Gordon
Goulding
Gray, E.

Messrs. Guilford

Hale, C.
Hall, F.
Hammond, E.
Handley
Haviland
Hinds
Howard
Ingalls
Ingraham
Jacobs
Jenkins
Jones, J.
Kingsley
Knight
Lamb
Lawrence, A. F.
Lawrence, A. L.
Loring, Harrison
Loring, Hollis
Lunt
Makepeace
Manning
Manson
Marble
Mixer
Morrisy
Nelson
Nickerson
Nutter
Parker, J. W.
Parker, W.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1856

Messrs. Parsons, E. T.

Parsons, S. L.

Phillips

Pike

Pitman

Plummer

Pomeroy

Pool

Poor

Porter,

Pratt, A., Jr.

Pratt, I.

Rice

Ritchie

Robbins

Robinson, S. W.

Robinson, W.

Rogers, C. O.

Rogers, J. W.

Sawyer, M., 2d.

Sever

Shepard

Smith, J. H.

Smith, M.

Stebbins

Stevens

Stoddard

Messrs. Swall

Taft,

Tagg

Taylor

Tarbo

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Thax

Thur

Tilton

Torre

Walk

Ward

Warr

Webb

Webb

West

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White

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On motion,

The House

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FIRDAY, MARCH 28, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

**Mr. Case, of Springfield, presented the Remo
of George W. Holt and others, operatives in th
Manufacturing Company, in Springfield, against
posed Ten Hour Law.**

Referred to the Committee on the Ten Hour I

**Mr. Lunt, of Newbury, presented the Petition
oline Withington and her associates, for incorpor
the Ladies' Benevolent Association, in the town
bury.**

**Referred to the Committee on Public Charitab
tutions.**

Severally sent up for concurrence.

**Mr. Milliken, of New Bedford, presented the
of the City of New Bedford, for an alteration of**

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Lynn,

Ordered, That the Committee on Railways and

consider the expediency of reporting a Bill authorizing County Commissioners to require Railroad Corporations to place such protection at railroad crossings as the Mayor and Aldermen of cities, and the Selectmen of towns, shall deem expedient for the safety of the public.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of reporting a Bill, authorizing Justices of the Peace and Justices of the Police Court to take recognizances for the appearance of Witnesses in Criminal Cases, when an appeal has been taken.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Agriculture, on the Petition of Mr. Taft, of Worcester, of the twenty-ninth ultimo, relative to selling grain by weight, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Austin, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the Petition of John Gary, reported

“ A Bill to authorize John Gary to extend his wharf.”

Mr. Temple, from the Committee on Education, on the Petition of Phineas W. Leland and others, reported

A Bill, to incorporate the Fall River Athenæum.

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Senate Bill, in addition to several Acts in relation to Registry and Returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths, reported,

That the same ought to pass.

The Bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Papers from the Senate.

The Remonstrance of the Hartford and New Haven Railroad Company, against the Petition of J. M. Blanchard and others,

Was referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Ordered, in concurrence, that the Petitions of

Daniel P. Willard and others,

The Fitchburg Railroad Company, and

Gage, Sawyer and Company, and others,

be taken from the files, and recommitted to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

The Report, leave to withdraw, on the Petition of the Mayor of Roxbury, to discontinue Burial Grounds on the corner of Washington and Eustis Streets,

Was accepted, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Boston and Cape Cod Marine Telegraph Company, was read and ordered to a second reading.

The Engrossed Bill to abolish the Police Court in the town of Blackstone,

(Which originated in the Senate,)

Was passed to be enacted and sent to the Senate.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the first matter being the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Bill to divide the Commonwealth into Districts for the choice of Councillors was ordered to a third reading, the vote was taken, and the motion was lost.

The next matter being the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Resolve relative to the Journal and

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 1856.

Papers of the House was passed to be engr then taken up, and the vote being taken, was carried. The question then recurred on Resolve to be engrossed, pending which, of Mr. Brooks, of Worcester, the Resolve wa and as amended, passed to be engrossed and concurrence.

The Resolve, in favor of the State Reform Girls, was read a second time and ordered reading.

The Bill, for the gradual suppression of was next taken up, and read a second time, t being on ordering the Bill to a third re Cooley, of Conway, moved the indefinite po of the whole subject, and on this question th Nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. Emer ton, and the Roll having been called, it a one hundred and fifty-five members had v affirmative, and ninety-five in the negative, a was indefinitely postponed.

Subsequently, Mr. Littlefield, of Foxboro', consideration of the vote, which motion wa the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Crocker, of Barnstable, the Orders of the Day were laid on the table.

Bill, to cede to the United States jurisdiction over certain lands and shoals in the city and harbor of New Bedford, and for other purposes, was, on motion of Mr. Devereux, of Salem, discharged from the Orders of the Day, and under a suspension of the Rules, read twice, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, of Lynn, the Bill to set off a part of the town of Braintree, and annex the same to the town of Quincy, was taken from the table and placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were again taken up, and the Bill, "To establish a Board of Directors of Public Institutions for the City of Boston, and the County of Suffolk," was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Dyer, of Boston, recommitted to the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Bill, "To aid the establishment of an Agricultural Department in Westfield Academy," was taken up and read a second time, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading.

The Bill was amended by Messrs. Mixter, of Hardwick, Chapin, of Westfield, and Littlefield, of Foxboro', and the question then recurred on ordering the Bill to a third reading; pending which, on motion of Mr. Mixter, of Hardwick, the Bill was recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture.

The Bill, "To incorporate the Massachusetts School of Agriculture," was read a second time, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading.

The Speaker, (Mr. Pike, of Newton, in the chair,) put the question, but before declaring the vote, Mr. Walker, of Roxbury, rose and addressed the Chair.

Mr. Taft, of Worcester, rose to a point of Order, which point of Order was, that when a vote is called for and taken, a declaration of the result thereof is necessary before any other motion is in order.

The Chair decided that the point of Order was ambiguous, and not well taken, and that as no result had been declared, the gentleman (Mr. Walker, of Roxbury) was in order.

On motion of Mr. Walker, of Roxbury,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Freeland, of West Springfield, presented the Petition of Silas W. Clark and others, in aid of the Petition of Lyman Whitman and others, for an Act of incorporation as the Agawam Bridge Company.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Ritchie, of Boston, presented the Petition of the Eastern Railroad Company, for leave to amend the location of the extension of their road from North Chelsea to Boston, in conformity with a late decision of the Supreme Court.

Referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Mr. Ritchie, of Boston, on leave, introduced a Bill, "Concerning the Fitchburg Railroad Company," which was read, and referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, on leave, introduced a Resolve, "Concerning the Attorney-General's Office," which was read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Lunt, of Newbury,

Ordered, That the Committee on Roads and Bridges be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the law (Revised Statutes, chapter twenty-four, section forty-six) that whenever the County Commissioners in any county shall lay out and establish any highway, or shall make an alteration therein which they shall judge to be of general use or importance to the public, the expense of making such highway or such alteration, shall be paid out of the county treasury. Also,

To inquire as to the expediency of providing by law, that whenever such commissioners (Revised Statutes, chapter twenty-four, section seventy-one) shall order a town or private way to be laid out or altered, the town may have a jury to determine the necessity or expediency of such laying out or alteration, whose verdict shall control the action of said commissioners in such behalf.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Chicopee,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire, what further legislation is necessary

in relation to the measurement of wood upon wagons, and report by Bill or otherwise.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Devereux, of Salem,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of further legislation in regard to appeals in criminal cases; also,

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That Dr. W. W. Hebard be allowed the use of this Hall, on the evening of Thursday, the third day of April next, for the purpose of a Poem Lecture before the members of the Legislature.

The same gentleman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Petition of the Mayor of Lowell for the establishment of another term of the Court of Common Pleas in said city of Lowell, reported

A Bill, "In relation to the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Middlesex."

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Order of Mr. Whitney, of Ashburnham, of January fourteen, relating to the election of Assessors of Towns, reported

A Bill, "Concerning the Election of Assessors of Cities and Towns."

Mr. Milliken, from the Committee on Prisons, on the Report of the Warden of the State Prison, reported

A Resolve, "In favor of the State Prison."

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, in concurrence, that the Joint Special Committee on the Petition of Timothy A. Smith, be, and they are hereby, authorized to proceed to Westborough, for the purpose of investigating the matters contained in said Petition, and that they be further authorized to send for persons and papers. Also,

Ordered, That the Petitions of
Charles Smith and others,
Henry Frothingham,
D. Nye and others,
Selectmen of the Town of Eastham,
Selectmen of the Town of Wellfleet,
Daniel B. Eddy and others,

be taken from the files and recommitted to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

The Report, "leave to withdraw" on the Petition of James H. Cook and others, was accepted, in concurrence.

Bill, "To change the name of the Female Medical Education Society, to New England Female Medical College, and to reorganize the same," was read and ordered to a second reading.

The House "Resolve in favor of the Town of Belcher-town," came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an Amendment, which was adopted, in concurrence.

The Orders of the Day were taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Bill for the gradual suppression of Small Bills was indefinitely postponed, was lost.

The Bill to incorporate the Massachusetts School of Agriculture was next taken up, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading.

An Amendment was offered by Mr. Temple, of Framingham, pending which, the Bill was recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture.

The Bill to set off a part of the Town of Braintree, and annex the same to the Town of Quincy, was next

taken up, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading. Amendments were offered by Mr. Abercrombie, of Quincy, pending which, the Orders of the Day were laid on the table.

Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, from the Committee on Elections, on the Remonstrance of Joseph Day and others, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Burt, of Lowell, the Report of the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on an Order relative to suspending work upon the Lunatic Hospital in Western Massachusetts, was taken from the table and placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Engrossed Bills,

“In addition to an Act relating to Leasehold Estates,”

“To extend the time for locating and constructing the Rockport Railroad,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,) and

“ Authorizing the County Commissioners of the County of Middlesex to lay out a highway and construct a bridge over Malden River,”

(Which originated in the Senate,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

On motion,

The House

Adjourned.

MONDAY, MARCH 31, 1856.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of Saturday was read.

Mr. Barney, of Nantucket, presented the Petition of William R. Easton and others, citizens of Nantucket, in aid of the Petition of R. B. Forbes and others, for a Nautical School.

Referred to the Joint Special Committee on that subject.

Mr. Evans, of Amesbury, presented the Remonstrance of D. C. Bagley and others, of the town of Amesbury, against the extension or renewal of the charter of the Essex Merrimac Bridge.

Mr. Bagley, of Salisbury, presented the Remonstrance of Ezekiel Brown and others, against the same.

Mr. Low, of Manchester, presented the Remonstrance of Isaac Allen and others. Also,

The Remonstrance of J. W. Allen and others, sent up against the Petition of A. W. Smith and others, for authority to locate a public way across the tide-water of the Manchester River.

Severally referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Leach, of Plymouth, presented the Remonstrance of Josiah Robbins and others, of Plymouth.

Mr. Baxter, of Quincy, presented the Remonstrance of Joshua Whitmarsh and others, legal voters of Abington.

Mr. Upham, of Dorchester, presented the Remonstrance of Frederick Davis and others, legal voters of Falmouth. Also,

The Remonstrance of Reuben Higgins, second, and others, legal voters of Wellfleet. Also,

The Remonstrance of Daniel Fisher and others, of Edgartown. Also,

The Remonstrance of Thomas Bradley and others, of Tisbury. Also,

The Remonstrance of Jesse C. Snow and others, legal voters of Orleans. Also,

The Remonstrance of Joseph L. McDonald and others, legal voters of Truro. Also,

The Remonstrance of Lewis Smith and others, legal voters of Eastham. Also,

The Remonstrance of E. T. Cushman and others, legal voters of Kingston. Also,

The Remonstrance of Thacher Ryder, and others, of Chatham, severally against the passage of the Bill to

incorporate the Boston and Cape Cod Marine Telegraph Company.

Severally laid on the table.

Mr. Lovett, of Charlestown, presented the Petition of Seth W. Parshley, for damages sustained by him during the rebuilding of Charles River Bridge.

Mr. York, of Rockport, presented the Petition of William Goday, of Rockport, for aid.

Severally referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Harding, of Lawrence, presented the Petition of the First Freewill Baptist Society of Lawrence, for an Act of incorporation.

Referred to the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Andrews, of Danvers,

Ordered, That Dr. J. S. Rock be allowed the use of the Hall, on Friday evening, the fourth day of April next, for the purpose of delivering a lecture on the Unity of the Races, before the members of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Stone, of Charlestown,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing by law, that where damages are sustained by any person by reason of a defect in streets, obstructions, or from other causes, in consequence of the location of any Horse Railroad, that has been, or may hereafter be located in any street or highway, within any city or town in the Commonwealth, and where legal proceedings become necessary to recover said damages, that such suits shall be brought against said railroad corporations, instead of the city or town where damages are sustained.

Also, the expediency of providing, that where judgment for damages shall be recovered against such corporations, and sufficient effects of said corporation cannot be found to satisfy said judgments, that the private property of stockholders shall be liable to satisfy damages thus determined.

Mr. Austin, of Boston, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported an Order of Notice on the Petition of Luther Drew, to extend his wharf.

Accepted.

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Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Sever, from the Committee on Finance, on Order of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, in relation to salary of the Treasurer of the Commonwealth, reported.

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Accepted.

Mr. Fessenden, from the Committee on Towns, on Order of Mr. Williams, of Hadley, of the twenty-first ultimo, in relation to monuments on town lines, reported.

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Hall, from the Committee on Bills in a Reading, on the Resolve in favor of the State Normal School for Girls, reported the same Bill in a new form. The Bill was read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hinds, of Boston, the Bill in relation to the election of Clerks of Courts and other C

Officers, was taken from the table, and placed in the Orders of the Day.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Board of Education, relative to the appropriations for that department, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Engrossed Bills,

“To authorize the Second Parish in West Newbury to dispose of their Burial Grounds,”

“To incorporate the Framingham Hotel Company,”

“In addition to certain Acts authorizing Benjamin W. Miller to plant Oysters in Taunton Great River,”

“In addition to an Act to authorize the Newburyport Railroad Company to construct a Branch Railroad,”

“To extend the time for locating and constructing the Amherst and Belchertown Railroad,”

“Relating to Fishways at the several Dams on Barker's River, so called, in the town of Pembroke,”

“To authorize Zeno Crowell to build a wharf,”

“To change the corporate name of the Fourth Congregational Precinct in Rochester, and for other purposes,”

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“In addition to an Act to authorize W. B. C. Ward, E. S. Rand and C. G. Gilbert, to wharf,”

“To authorize Albert Bowker and Josh build and extend their wharves,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Resolve, “Concerning the Department of the Master-General’s Department,”

(Which originated in the House of Representatives)

Was passed, and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, in concurrence, That all Orders of the House shall be made returnable on or before the first of April, and all Petitions requiring Orders of the House cannot be made returnable on or before that day, but be referred to the next Legislature. Also,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds consider the expediency of ar

laws concerning the examination of convicts in the State Prison, alleged to be insane.

Orders of Notice were issued, in concurrence, on the several Petitions of

Henry Howland and others, and
Donald McKay, (additional.)

The Reports, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of Sumner Sargent and others, and

J. W. Slocumb and others, were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bills, "Concerning the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation,"

"In addition to an Act to incorporate the Tremont Gas Light Company,"

"In addition to an Act to extend Albany Street, in the city of Boston,"

"Concerning the Norfolk and Bristol Turnpike Corporation,"

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the Bill to set off a part of the town of

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Braintree and annex the same to the town of Quincy, the question being first on the amendments offered by Abercrombie, of Quincy, and then on ordering to a third reading. The Previous Question was on motion of Mr. Pool, of Abington, and then having been taken, the amendments were adopted. The Bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to prevent the evasion of Laws for the suppression of Lotteries, was then taken up, read a second time, amended, on motion of Mr. Littlefield, of Abington, and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve providing for the pay of the Senate, and House of Representatives, was read a second time, amended, on motion of Mr. C. Hale, of Abington, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

A Bill in addition to an Act entitled an Act to amend the Act in relation to Mortgages of Personal Property, was read a second time, amended, on motion of Mr. Loring, of Boston, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill concerning the Middlesex Railroad, was read a third time, amended, on motion of Mr. Loring, of Boston, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence with the Senate.

Bills, "To extend the time for the construction of the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad,"

"To incorporate the Gardner Library Association,"
and

"In addition to an Act to incorporate the East Boston Free Bridge,"

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills, "To punish Frauds in Officers of Corporations, and other persons,"

"In further addition to an Act establishing the City of Cambridge,"

"Establishing a Probate Court in North Bridgewater, in the County of Plymouth, and changing the time for holding the Probate Court in Middleboro', in said County," and

The Resolves, "On the Petition of the Guardian of the Chappequiddic Indians, and others,"

"In relation to the State Library,"

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

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The Bill, "To exempt certain articles from Sequestration, Arrest, Attachment, Judgment and Execution," was read a second time and committed to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate Resolve, "In addition to a Resolution adopted by the Senate on the 27th inst. relative to the Massachusetts Convention of one thousand and eighty-eight," was read three times, without suspension of the Rules, and passed to be concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Baxter, of Quincy,

The House

Adj.

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Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Sen

The Journal of yesterday was read.

**Mr. Nelson, of Plymouth, presented the Remo
of Henry Whiting and others, of the south part
mouth, against the division of Plymouth.**

Read, and laid on the table.

**Mr. Ashley, of Fall River, presented the Pet
Job T. Wilson, for leave to build a wharf.**

**Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Aff
Insurance.**

**Mr. Robinson, of Newburyport, presented the
strance of N. G. Bassett and others, citizens of N
port, against the extension of the charter of th
Merrimac Bridge Corporation.**

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridge

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On Motion of Mr. Thaxter, of Hingham,

**Ordered, That the Committee on Probate and C
inquire if any additional provisions be necessary**

tion to mortgages of real estate of persons deceased, that may be rendered insolvent, with leave to report by Bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Robinson, of Lexington, offered the following Order, which was laid over, under the Rule.

Ordered, That the House hold two sessions each day, from and after Monday, April seventh, beginning at ten o'clock, A. M., and at three o'clock, P. M., until otherwise ordered.

Mr. Orcutt, of Chelsea, from the Committee on Towns, on the Petition of Jacob Hittinger and others, praying for the incorporation of a New Town by the name of Belmont, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. Temple, from the Committee on Education, on the Engrossed Bill, entitled an Act in addition to an Act concerning Vacancies in School Committees, reported,

That the Bill ought to pass, with an amendment.

Severally accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

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Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Pratt, of Bridgewater, of the twentieth ultimo, relative to Juror Lists, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Accepted.

Mr. Story, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was recommitted the Bill to enlarge the jurisdiction of the Superior Court of the County of Suffolk, and the Court of Common Pleas, reported

A Bill to enlarge the jurisdiction of the Superior Court of the County of Suffolk, and of the Court of Common Pleas.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Order of the twenty-ninth ultimo, relating to Appeals in Criminal Cases, reported

A Bill in relation to Appeals in Criminal Cases

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Order of Mr. Taft, of Worcester, of the fifteenth ultimo, relative to Lists of Jurors, reported

A Bill relating to Lists of Jurors.

Mr. Ritchie, from the Committee on Railways and Canals, on the Petition of the Dorchester and Milton Extension Railroad Company, reported

A Bill in addition to an Act to establish the Dorchester and Milton Extension Railroad.

Mr. Temple, from the Committee on Education, on the Order of Mr. Vinson, of Edgartown, of February nineteenth, relative to the Indians of Gay Head, reported

A Resolve in favor of the Indians of Gay Head.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Stoddard, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Senate Resolve on the Petition of Charles Scudder, reported,

That the same ought to pass.

Read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Devereux moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Resolve in addition to the Resolve relating to the Massachusetts Convention of the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight was passed to be engrossed.

Motion placed in the Orders of the Day.

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On motion of Mr. Oliver, of South Reading, the
“ In addition to an Act concerning Beaches in the
of North Chelsea,” was taken from the table, and r
second time, the question being on ordering the sa
a third reading, pending which, the Bill was again
upon the table, on motion of Mr. Sever, of Boston.

The hour specially assigned for the considerati
the Resolve providing for an Amendment to the
stitution, for districting the State for the choice of R
sentatives to the General Court, having arrived, the
was taken up, when, on motion of Mr. Russell, of
cester, the further consideration thereof was post
for ten minutes.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Brayton, of Fall
the same was specially assigned for Tuesday nex
twelve o'clock, M.

The Engrossed Bills,

“ Concerning Husband and Wife,”

“ Relating to the Return of Writs in Civil A
before Justices of the Peace and Police Courts,”

“ To incorporate the Boston and Kennebec Stea
Company,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Resolves,

“In favor of the Herring Pond Indians,”

“In favor of the Town of Wilmington,”

“On the Petition of the Society of the Cincinnati of Massachusetts,”

“In favor of the Town of Berlin,”

“Concerning the Journals and Papers of the House of Representatives,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed, and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of H. Blanchard, for authority to use a certain name as the style of his business firm, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

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Bill concerning the New York and Boston I Company, was referred to the Committee on I and Canals.

Severally in concurrence.

Ordered, That five hundred extra copies of the Commissioner's Report of Sales of Wines and Liquors, City and Town Agents, be printed for distribution in various towns throughout the Commonwealth.

Orders of Notice were issued, in concurrence, several Petitions of

J. P. Heywood, and others,
Lyman Whitman and others, and
Benjamin Allstrum and others.

The Bill in relation to the Boston Clearing House, read and ordered to a second reading.

The Orders of the Day were taken up, and the

"To incorporate the Worcester District Methodist Episcopal Church Camp-Meeting Association,"

"Relating to the Trustee Process,"

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to set off a part of the town of Stoughton and annex the same to the town of South Reading, read a third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Resolve, "In favor of the Town of Huntington," was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve, "On the Petition of Edward Blake, to sell Real Estate," was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill, "Concerning the Observance of Certain Days," was read a third time, amended, on motion of Mr. Wilkinson, of Dedham, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill, "To prevent bank officers from voting as proxy," was, on motion of Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, recommitted to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

The Bill, "Concerning the Register of Deeds in the town of Littleton," was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve, "In relation to Town Maps," was read a second time, and refused a third reading.

On motion,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Cole, of Boston, presented the Petition of Edwin Rice, for the extension of his wharf.

Mr. Blood, of Taunton, presented the Petition of Samuel B. King, William Mason and others, of Taunton, for an Act to authorize the Town of Taunton to raise twenty thousand dollars to deepen the Channel of Taunton River.

Severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. Phelps, of Springfield, presented the Petition of Henry Vose and others, in aid of the Petition of Lyman Whitman and others, for a bridge over the Connecticut River.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Hero, of Milford, presented the Remonstrance of L. H. Cook and others, against the Petition of A. C. Mayhew and others.

Referred to the Joint Special Committee on that subject.

Mr. Dyer, of Boston, presented the Petition of Alfred N. Porter, for compensation for injuries received while in the employment of the State.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, presented the Petition of Rev. Charles Spear, for an Inspector of Prisons.

Referred to the Committee on Prisons.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Pollard, of Taunton, presented the Petition of Israel Amos and others, proprietors of Marshpee, for power to nominate their Treasurer.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Devereux, of Salem, on leave, presented a Bill establishing a Harbor-Master for the port of Boston, which was read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Order of Mr. Robinson, of Lexington, of the first instant, was taken up, and amended, and as amended adopted.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1856.

On motion of Mr. Southworth, of Franklin,

Ordered, That the Committee on Manufactures, be instructed to consider the expediency of so amending Act in relation to Joint Stock Companies, as to fix limits to two hundred and fifty thousand dollars as amount of capital of any company that may here organize under said Act, and report by Bill, or other

Mr. Conant, from the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on the Petition of Elias Bullard others, of Holliston, for authority to tax Pews in Meeting-house of the First Parish, in Holliston, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The Remonstrance of Abraham Osborn and other Edgartown, against the Petition of Edward R. Dunham and Charles F. Dunham, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The Petition of the City of Lowell, that the Charter of said city may be so amended, that the School C

mittee shall consist of twelve members, to be elected for two years, was referred to the Committee on Education.

A Resolve, concerning the Annual Report of the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Severally in concurrence.

An Order of Notice was issued, in concurrence, on the Petition of the City of Worcester.

The Petition of David Gore, of Hopkinton, was taken from the files and recommitted to the Committee on Towns.

The Bills,

“To incorporate the Salisbury Mills,”

“In aid of the Lebanon Springs Aqueduct Company,”

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bill, relating to the Officers of Religious Societies other than Congregational, was read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and on motion of Mr. Pollard, of Taunton, the undebatable matters were first considered.

The Bills,

“Relating to Lunatics and Idiots,”

“Concerning Draw Bridges,”

“To incorporate the Fall River Athenæum,”

“To authorize John Gary to extend his wharf,”

“Concerning the Norfolk and Bristol Turnpike Corporation,”

“In addition to an Act to extend Albany Street, in the city of Boston,”

“In addition to an Act to incorporate the Tremont Gas Light Company,”

“Concerning the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation,”

• “In relation to the Boston Clearing House,”

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Bills,

“To punish Frauds in Officers of Corporations, and other persons,”

“In further addition to an Act establishing the City of Cambridge,”

“Establishing a Probate Court in North Bridgewater, in the County of Plymouth, and changing the time for holding the Probate Court in Middleboro’, in said county,”

“Concerning the Register of Deeds in the town of Littleton,”

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolves,

“Relative to a Scientific Survey of Boston Harbor,”

“On the Petition of Charles Scudder,”

Were severally read a third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Resolves,

“On the Petition of the Guardian of the Chappequid-dic Indians and others,”

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“In relation to the State Library,”

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House solved, “In addition to the Resolve relating to the Massachusetts Convention of one thousand seven hundred eighty-eight” was passed to be engrossed, was indefinitely postponed.

The Bill relating to Divorce, was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion,

The House

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1856.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Burt, member Lowell.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. French, of Stoughton, presented the Petition of Amos Stone and others, for a law to restrain the Peabody Railroad Company from erecting buildings and bridge over Charles River, which they were authorized to widen by an Act of the Legislature of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

Mr. Nickerson, of Harwich, presented the Petition of the Attorney General, in behalf of Sidney Underwood and others, legal residents of Harwich, against the passage of the Bill, "To incorporate the Boston and Cape Cod Marine Telegraph Company."

Severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Canals.

Mr. Phelps, of Springfield, presented the Petition of B. M. Durfee and others, in aid of the Petition of John Whitman and others.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Codman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Petition of Samuel Eldridge and others,

others, that parties may be competent as Witnesses in Civil and Criminal Cases, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. Story, from the same committee, on the Order of Mr. Stone, of Charlestown, of the thirty-first ultimo, relative to Damages on Highways, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon. Also,

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on an Order of Mr. Hawkes, of Adams, of the twenty-fifth ultimo, relative to offenders being returned to the authorities from which they have escaped, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Severally accepted.

Mr. Fletcher, from the Committee of Conference, on the subject matter of difference between the two Houses, on the Bill in addition to an Act to incorporate the Bank of Mutual Redemption, submitted a Report, which was placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Codman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of

Lynn, to confirm the doings of the Assessors of Taxes for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and the Remonstrance of Matthew Mansfield against the same, reported

A Bill in relation to the Assessment of Taxes in the city of Lynn, in the years one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three and one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

Mr. Ritchie, from the Committee on Railways and Canals, on the Bill concerning the Fitchburg Railroad Company, reported,

That the same ought to pass.

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Beal, of Boston, the Bill to enable parties in civil actions to be witnesses therein, was taken from the table, and placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, the Bill to repeal chapter two hundred and thirty-eight of the Acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, being an Act to regulate the Assignment and Distribution of the Property of Insolvent Debtors, was taken from the table, and placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Mixer, of Hardwick, the Bill in

relation to the Boston Clearing House, was discharged from the Orders of the Day, and read a third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The Bill in addition to the Acts relating to the Annual Report of Railroad Corporations, was referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Bills, "To incorporate the Ladies' Charitable Association, at Haverhill,"

"In relation to a burying ground in the town of West Roxbury,"

"For the protection of the Fisheries on the South Shore and Bays on the south side of the town of Barnstable, and district of Marshpee,"

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and on motion of Mr. Brayton, of Fall River, the undebatable matters were first considered.

The Bills,

"Concerning the Sinking Fund of the Western Railroad Company,"

“To authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to establish an additional branch track of their railroad in the city of Lowell,”

“In relation to the election of Clerks of Courts and other County Officers,”

“In relation to Appeals in Criminal Cases,”

“Relating to Lists of Jurors,” and

The “Resolve in favor of the State Prison,”

“To incorporate the Salisbury Mills,”

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Bills, “To divide the Commonwealth into Districts for the choice of Councillors,” (as amended,)

“Relating to Lunatics and Idiots,”

“Concerning the Norfolk and Bristol Turnpike Corporation,”

“In addition to an Act to extend Albany Street, in the city of Boston,”

“Concerning the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation,”

Were severally read a third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Resolve, on the Petition of Edward Blake to sell
Real Estate, and

The Bills,

“To incorporate the Fall River Athenæum,”

“To authorize John Gary to extend his wharf,”

Were severally read a third time, passed to be
engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the House of Correction and Jail
in the County of Plymouth, was read a second time, and
ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to incorporate the Town of Cushman, was
read a second time, and refused a third reading.

On motion of Mr. C. Hale, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment,

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Phelps, of Springfield, presented the Petition of William Rice and others, in aid of the Petition of Lyman Whitman and others, for a bridge over the Connecticut River.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Gaston, of Roxbury, presented the Petition of James Ritchie and others, of Roxbury, for an Act of incorporation as a Society for the benefit of Orphans and other destitute children.

Referred to the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Mr. Dewey, of Palmer, presented the Petition of the Eastern Hampden Agricultural Society, for an Act of incorporation.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Gaston, of Roxbury, presented the Petition of

Henry Hill and others, of Roxbury, for an Act of incorporation as the Elliot City Mission Society.

Referred to the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on Probate and Chancery, consider the expediency of providing by law that widows, having minor children, may be empowered, in certain cases, to appoint a Testamentary Guardian for such minor children, and report by Bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Weeks, of Lowell,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to consider the expediency of either repealing or amending the four hundred and twenty-eighth chapter of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

On motion of Mr. Sever, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending chapter seventy-five of the Resolves of one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, entitled, "Resolves in relation to Auditing Accounts," as to provide that all expenditures by the heads of de-

partments, Boards of Commissioners, and all others acting under authority of the Commonwealth, shall be embraced in the Annual Estimates of the Auditor, and be provided for in the Annual Appropriation Bills.

On motion of Mr. Codman, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on Probate and Chancery be instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary, with regard to the rights of children under guardianship to attend the public schools.

On motion, of Mr. J. W. Rogers, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture report a Bill to punish the offence for the Adulteration of Milk sold in this Commonwealth.

Mr. Dyer, from the Committee on the subject of a State Nautical School for Boys, on the Petition of R. B. Forbes, reported

A Bill for the establishment of a State Nautical School

Read, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Bill relating to the Officers of Religious Societies other than Congregational, reported,

That the same ought to pass.

The Bill was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Bill establishing Boards of Trustees for the State Lunatic Hospitals, and in addition to the Acts concerning Lunatic Hospitals, reported,

That the Bill ought to pass.

The Bill was read a second time, and laid on the table.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Agriculture, on the Bill to authorize the town of Westfield to issue Scrip for the establishment of an Agricultural Department in Westfield Academy, reported

A Bill to aid in the establishment of an Agricultural Department in Westfield Academy.

Mr. Sparrell, from the Committee on County Estimates, on the Estimates of the County Commissioners of the several Counties, reported

A Resolve granting Taxes for the several Counties.

Mr. Dyer, from the Committee on Claims, on the Petition of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dover, reported

A Resolve on the Petition of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dover.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Petition of Charles Brigham, reported

A Resolve on the Petition of Charles Brigham.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Petition of Abner F. Hopkins, reported

A Resolve on the Petition of Abner F. Hopkins.

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Gaston, of Roxbury, the Bill in addition to an Act to incorporate the Tremont Gas Light Company, was discharged from the Orders of the Day, read a third time, and on motion of Mr. Wilkinson, of Dedham, recommitted to the Committee on Manufactures.

The Engrossed Bills,

“In relation to the Boston Clearing House,”

“Concerning the Middlesex Railroad Company,”

“To set off a part of the town of Stoneham, and annex the same to the town of South Reading,”

(Which originated in the Senate,)

“To incorporate the Jamaica Plain Athenæum.”

“To cede to the United States jurisdiction over certain lands and shoals in the city and harbor of New Bedford, and for other purposes,”

“In addition to an Act suppressing Horse Racing, approved on the eighth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty six,”

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Resolves,

“On the Petition of Charles Scudder,”

“Relative to a Scientific Survey of Boston Harbor,”

(Which originated in the Senate,)

“In favor of the Town of Belchertown,”

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed, and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of the Deputy Warden and Clerk of the State Prison, for an increase of salary,

Was referred to the Committee on Prisons, in concurrence.

The Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of Aaron Smith, of Hopkinton, for a change of the town lines of said town, was accepted, in concurrence.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the Bill in addition to several Acts in relation to the Registry and Returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths, was read a third time, and laid on the table.

The Bill, "To incorporate the Boston and Cape Cod Marine Telegraph Company,"

Was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Hills, of Cambridge,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Conant, member from Scituate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Andrews, of Danvers, presented the Remonstrance of Nathan Lakeman and others, citizens of South Danvers, against the Petition of James M. Caller and others, to be set off to Salem.

Referred to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. Evans, of Amesbury, presented the Remonstrance of the Town of Amesbury, against the renewal of the charter of the Essex Merrimac Bridge.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Mayo, of Boston, presented the Petition of George Butts and others, praying that they may be made a corporation, under the name of the East Boston Masonic Association.

Referred to the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Mr. Hero, of Milford, presented the Remonstrance of

A. D. Sargent and others, of Milford, against the Petition of A. C. Mayhew and others.

Referred to the Joint Special Committee on that subject.

Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, presented the Petition of John C. Warren, in behalf of the Boston Society of Natural History, in aid of the Petition of George B. Blake, relative to the Artificial Propagation of Fish.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, presented the Petition of the City of Worcester, in regard to the Police Court of the city.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Bill in relation to Conveyances and Devises of Personal and Real Estate for Religious purposes, reported,

That the Bill ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Mr. Stoddard, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Petition of John B. Dexter, for

an increase of salary as Clerk of Police Court at Worcester, reported

A Bill concerning the Police Court of the City of Worcester.

Mr. Temple, from the Committee on Education, on the Petition of John Prince and others, of Essex, asking to be incorporated as a Library Association, reported

A Bill to incorporate the Chebacco Library Association.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of Mr. Foster and others, for a portion of flats in Boston Harbor, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The Resolve relative to Woodworth's Planing Machine, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

The communication from the Secretary, relative to Resolutions passed by the Trustees of Astor Library, was referred to the Committee on the Library.

Severally in concurrence.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the Special Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the subject of Boston Harbor, be in-

structed to inquire and report, what action it is expedient for the Commonwealth to take, in reference to existing contracts, and to its interest in the lands and flats on the Back Bay, under existing circumstances.

The Report, "inexpedient to legislate," on the Senate Order relative to Joint Stock Companies,

And the Reports, "leave to withdraw," on the Petitions of

Rodney Smith and others, and
S. T. Whipple and others,

Were severally accepted.

Severally in concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the Congregational Library Association, of Boston, to hold additional real and personal estate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, the Bill to enable parties in Civil Actions to be witnesses therein, was discharged from the Orders of the Day, the question being on ordering the Bill to a third reading. The same gentleman offered an amendment, which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Reed, of Newburyport, the Report of the Committee on Elections, on the Remonstrance of

Joseph Day and others, was taken from the table and accepted.

On motion of Mr. Orcutt, of Chelsea, the Bill in addition to several Acts in relation to Registry and Returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths, was taken from the table, and placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were taken up, and the Bill concerning the election of Assessors in Cities and Towns, was read a second time and laid on the table.

The Bill in relation to the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Middlesex, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to change the name of the Female Medical Education Society, to "New England Female Medical College," and to reorganize the same, was, on motion of Mr. Taft, of Worcester, recommitted to the Committee on Education.

The Report of the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the Order relative to suspending work upon the Lunatic Hospital in Western Massachusetts, was laid on the table.

The Bill to set off a part of the town of Braintree and annex the same to the town of Quincy, was read a third

time, the question being on passing the same to be engrossed ; and the vote having been taken, it was decided in the negative, and the Bill was lost.

On motion,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of Saturday was read.

Mr. Arnold, of Salem, presented the Petition of the Proprietors of Harmony Grove Cemetery, to be set off into Salem.

Referred to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. Barrows, of Easton, presented the Petition of Oliver Ames and others, of the town of Easton, in aid of the Petition of the County Commissioners of Bristol County.

Referred to the Committee on Prisons.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Milliken, of New Bedford, presented the Petition of Abram Barker and others, for the establishment of a State Nautical School:

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Orcutt, of Chelsea, the Bill concerning the Election of Assessors in Cities and Towns,

was taken from the table. The same gentleman offered an Amendment, which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

The Engrossed Resolve, "In addition to the Resolve relating to the Massachusetts Convention of one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight,"

(Which originated in the Senate,)

Was passed, and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Act concerning Vacancies in School Committees,

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

The Bill, "To provide for the Election of Register of Deeds in the County of Suffolk,"

Was read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bills, "Altering the Boundary Line between the towns of Cambridge and Somerville, and annexing portions of each to the other,"

"To authorize A. C. Carey to build a wharf,"

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

A communication from the Governor of Massachusetts, with Resolutions of the Legislature of New Jersey, relative to a Breakwater at Cape May, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Mr. Jones, of Reading, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Bill, to set off a part of the town of Braintree, and annex the same to the town of Quincy, was rejected, which motion was placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Poor, of Danvers, the Report of the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the Order of Mr. Poor, of Danvers, relative to suspension of work upon the Lunatic Hospital in Western Massachusetts, was taken from the table, the question being on the acceptance of the same.

Mr. Williams, of Hadley, moved the recommitment of the Report to a Joint Special Committee, with instructions.

Mr. Pike, of Newton, offered an Amendment to the same, pending which, on motion of Mr. Freeman, of Or-

leans, the Previous Question was ordered, and the question then recurring upon the acceptance of the Report, and the vote having been taken, the Report was accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Pike, of Newton, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions be instructed to report forthwith, by Resolve, or otherwise, the necessary measures for causing the suspension of the work upon the Insane Hospital at Northampton.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Jones, of Reading,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Mr. Jones, member from Reading.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Williams, of Boston, presented the Remonstrance of Stephen L. White and others, against the Petition of Samuel B. King, and certain inhabitants of the town of Taunton, relative to deepening the Taunton River.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. Mudge, of Petersham, presented the Remonstrance of Daniel Roberson and others, of Petersham ;

Mr. Sawyer, of Sterling, the Remonstrance of Samuel Houghton and others, of Sterling,

Severally against the division of Worcester County.

Severally referred to the Joint Special Committee on that subject.

Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield, presented the Petition of C. H. Babcock and others, that Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Society of Chester Village may be authorized to convey a meeting-house.

Referred to the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, presented the Petition of James Ford and others, of the city of Fall River, in aid of the Petition of the County Commissioners of Bristol County.

Referred to the Committee on Prisons.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Dennie, of Boston, presented the Petition of Chickering and Sons and others, for a law making the sale of leased personal property, by the lessee of the same, a penal offence.

Mr. Brooks, of Worcester, presented the Petition of Isaac Davis and others, of Worcester, in aid of the Petition of L. D. Goddard and others, relative to Hawkers and Peddlers.

Severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Devereux, of Salem,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of further legislation in relation to the Release of Dower, in behalf of married women who are insane.

Mr. Merwin, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, on the Order of Mr. Codman, of Boston, of the fourteenth instant, relative to the right of Children under Guardianship to attend the Public Schools, reported

A Bill relating to the Rights of Children, under Guardianship, to attend the Public Schools.

Read and ordered to a second reading.

The Engrossed Bills,

“In addition to an Act to extend Albany Street in the City of Boston,”

“Concerning the Norfolk and Bristol Turnpike Corporation,”

“Concerning the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation,”

“Relating to Lunatics and Idiots,”

(Which severally originated in the Senate,)

“In addition to an Act to incorporate the East Boston Free Bridge,”

“ To incorporate the Gardner Library Association,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Resolve,

In favor of the State Reform School for Girls,

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Was passed and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

The Bill, To reannex Chelsea to Boston,

Was read and ordered to a second reading.

The Bill concerning the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad, came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, which was adopted, in concurrence.

Mr. Batchelder, of Holliston, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Report of the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the Order of Mr. Poor,

of Danvers, relative to suspending work upon the Lunatic Hospital at Northampton was accepted.

Placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Pike, of Newton, presented the Memorial of Robert Morris, in behalf of Jonathan W. Clark and others, for leave to form a colored military company among the colored young men of Boston, and moved its reference to a Joint Special Committee.

On motion of Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield, the Memorial was ordered to be read; pending which, Mr. Sever, of Boston, rose to a point of order, which point of order was, that any action upon the aforesaid Memorial was precluded by the fifty-fifth Rule of the House, the subject having been once before entertained and acted upon by the House.

The Speaker decided that the point of order was not well taken, and that action upon the Memorial was in order.

Mr. Sever, of Boston, appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the question having been stated, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House? the vote was taken, and the decision of the Chair was sustained.

The Memorial was read, and the question then recurred upon the reference to a Joint Special Committee, pending which, on motion of Mr. Beal, of Boston, the same was referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Sent up for concurrence.

The hour specially assigned for the consideration of the Resolve providing for an Amendment to the Constitution relative to Districting the State for the choice of Representatives to the General Court, having arrived, the further consideration thereof, was, on motion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, postponed to Tuesday, April fifteenth, at twelve o'clock, M.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the first matter being the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Bill to set off a part of the town of Braintree and annex the same to the town of Quincy was rejected; the vote was taken and the reconsideration was carried. The question then recurred on passing the Bill to be engrossed, and the vote having been taken, it was decided in the affirmative, and the Bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Orders of the Day were laid on the table.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 1856.

Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Order of Mr. Pike, of Newbury, relative to the Lunatic Hospital at Worcester was adopted. The motion was placed in the Orders for the next Day.

Mr. P. C. Jones, of Boston, from the Committee on Manufactures, on the Bill in addition to an Act to incorporate the Tremont Gas Light Company, reported.

That the same ought to pass.

The Bill was read a third time, the question being on passing the same to be engrossed; pending which.

On motion of Mr. Clapp, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned

The Memorial was read, and the question then recurred upon the reference to a Joint Special Committee, pending which, on motion of Mr. Beal, of Boston, the same was referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Sent up for concurrence.

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The Orders of the Day were laid on the table.

Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Order of Mr. Pike, of Newton, relative to the Lunatic Hospital at Worcester, was adopted. The motion was placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. P. C. Jones, of Boston, from the Committee on Manufactures, on the Bill in addition to an Act to incorporate the Tremont Gas Light Company, reported,

That the same ought to pass.

The Bill was read a third time, the question being on passing the same to be engrossed ; pending which,

On motion of Mr. Clapp, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Turner, of Brookline, presented the Petition of the Cutting Machine Manufacturing Company, for increase of powers.

Mr. Weld, of Winchester, presented the Petition of the S. P. Ruggles Power Press Manufacturing Company, for alteration of charter.

Severally referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Curtis, of South Scituate, presented the Petition of the Selectmen of South Scituate, for Commissioners to define the line between South Scituate and Hanover.

Referred to the Committee on Towns.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, on leave, introduced a Bill in relation to certain proceedings in the Probate Courts, which was read, and referred to the Committee on Probate and Chancery:

Mr. Sever, from the Committee on Finance, on the Order of Mr. Bliss, of Worcester, of the fourteenth ultimo,

relative to repairs and furnishing of the State House, submitted a Report, which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Swan, from the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on the Petition of Henry Hill and others, reported

A Bill to incorporate the Eliot City Mission Society, of Roxbury.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Claims, on the Petition of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Shelburne, reported

A Resolve in favor of the Town of Shelburne.

Mr. Dyer, from the same committee, on the Petition of Lewis Aiken, to be paid for work on the State House, reported

A Resolve on the Petition of Lewis Aiken.

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Hills, from the same committee, on the Petition of Addison Farwell, of Dorchester, for indemnification for

injury and loss of property at Warren Bridge, Charlestown, reported,

That the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of E. G. Kelley and others, of Nantucket, asking to be incorporated as the Nantucket Propeller Company, and

The Petition of the Revere Insurance Company for an extension of time to pay in capital stock,

Were severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Bill in addition to an Act relative to Superintendents of Schools, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Severally in concurrence.

The Report, "inexpedient to legislate," on the communication from the Secretary of the Commonwealth relative to Resolutions passed by the Trustees of the Astor Library, was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill concerning the Observance of Certain Days, came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, which was adopted, in concurrence.

The Bill to prevent the evasion of the Laws for the suppression of Lotteries, came down from the Senate, with an amendment, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Bill to divide the Commonwealth into Districts for the choice of Councillors, came down from the Senate with the indorsement that the Senate non-concur in the House amendments. On motion of Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, the House voted to insist, and ask for a Committee of Conference.

Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, on leave, introduced a Resolve in relation to a Lunatic Hospital at Northampton, which was read. Mr. Vose, of Boston, moved that it be committed to the Joint Standing Committee on Public Charitable Institutions ; pending which, Mr. Codman, of Boston, moved that it be referred to a Special Committee of the House, when, on motion, the whole subject was laid on the table.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Report of the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions relative to the Lunatic Hospital at Northampton was accepted was carried. The question then recurred upon the passage of the Report. Mr. Whitney, of Ashburnham, moved that the Report be recommitted, with instructions pending which, on motion of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, the whole subject was laid upon the table.

The Orders of the Day were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Sever, of Boston, it was ordered that when this House adjourn, it be adjourned till Friday next, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of Wednesday was read.

Mr. Milliken, of New Bedford, presented the Remonstrance of W. W. Gifford and others ; and

Mr. Hicks, of New Bedford, presented the Remonstrance of George A. Bourne and others, severally against the Petition of H. N. Green and J. W. Capron, County Commissioners of the County of Bristol, to borrow money.

Mr. Brayton, of Fall River, presented the Petition of Benjamin Cartwright and others, citizens of Somerset, in aid of the Petition of the County Commissioners of Bristol County, relative to the same subject.

Severally referred to the Committee on Prisons.

Mr. Vinson, of Edgartown, presented the Petition of Joseph Kelley and others, in aid of the Petition of Benjamin Worth and others, relative to taking fish in seines. Also,

The Remonstrance of James N. Luce and others. Also,

The Remonstrance of John A. Pease and others, severally against the Petition of Benjamin Worth and others, relative to the same subject.

Severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing or amending the four hundred and forty-fourth chapter of the laws of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, the same being an Act in relation to arrest and imprisonment on mesne process and on execution.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing, by law, in what manner married women shall unite with their husbands in conveying their interest in their husbands' homestead, and report by Bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Briggs, from the Joint Special Committee on so much of the Governor's Address as relates to the Act concerning the Rights and Liberties of the people of Massachusetts, reported

A Bill to protect the Rights and Liberties of the people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Bill was read, laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. C. Hale, from the same committee, on the same subject, presented a Minority Report. Also,

Mr. Thomas, from the same committee, on the same subject, presented a second Minority Report,

Which were severally laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Nickerson, from the Committee on Fisheries, on the Petition of Edward W. Howland and others, asking leave to seine fish in Acushnet River, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. Upton, from the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, on the Petition of Willard Torrey and others, for an Amendment to the Constitution for the better security of individual liberty, reported,

That it is inexpedient to amend the Constitution, as prayed for in the said Petition.

Mr. C. Hale, from the Committee of Conference on the subject matter of difference between the two branches relative to the Bill in addition to an Act relating to Savings Banks, submitted a Report which was placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Devereux, of Salem, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Petition of Jason Chamberlain and others, for legislation in regard to frauds of Banks and Railroad Officers, reported,

Inexpedient to further legislate thereon.

Accepted.

Mr. Briggs, from the same committee, on the Senate Bill to provide for the election of a Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk, reported,

That the same ought to pass.

On motion of Mr. Burbank, of Boston, under a suspension of the Rules, the Bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. Hills, from the Committee on Claims, on the Petition of Tewksbury and Caldwell, for balance due on contract to build the State Almshouse at Monson, reported

A Resolve on the Petition of Tewksbury and Caldwell

Mr. Robinson, from the Committee on Railways and Canals, on the Petition of the Boston and Chelsea Railroad Company, reported

A Bill concerning the Boston and Chelsea Railroad Company.

Mr. Temple, from the Committee on Education, on the Petition of the School Committee of the town of Southbridge for allowance of School Fund, reported

A Resolve in favor of the Town of Southbridge.

Mr. Pollard, from the Committee on Education, on the Bill to change the name of the Female Medical Education Society, to New England Female Medical College, and to reorganize the same, reported

The Bill in a new draft.

The Bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Taft, of Worcester, the Bill relating to Lists of Jurors was discharged from the Orders of the Day, read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Dyer, of Boston, the Bill for the establishment of a State Nautical School, was taken from the table, and placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, on leave, introduced a Bill to amend the one hundred and twenty-fourth chapter of the Acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and ten, which was read, and referred to the Committee on Probate and Chancery.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of L. W. Dean and others, in aid of the Petition of the County Commissioners of Bristol County for leave to borrow money ; also,

The Petition of William Simms and others ; also,

The Petition of Elisha Copeland and others ; also,

The Petition of Wheaton Briggs and others ; also,

The Petition of Edmund H. Bennett and others, members of the bar of Bristol County.

Severally in aid of the same.

Were severally referred to the Committee on Prisons.

The Petition of Joseph H. Robinson and others, of Marblehead, to be chartered as a Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the Joint Standing Committees, and the Joint Special Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, report on or before the first day of May, upon all matters heretofore referred to them.

The Resolve concerning the Annual Report of the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, was read and ordered to a second reading.

The Speaker appointed the following gentlemen as the Committee of Conference on the subject matter of difference between the two branches, on the Bill to divide the Commonwealth into districts for the choice of Councilors, on the part of the House, viz. :—

Messrs. C. Hale, of Boston,
Brayton, of Fall River, and
Littlefield, of Foxboro'.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, the Resolve in relation to a Lunatic Hospital at Northampton was

taken from the table, the question being on committing the same to a Special Committee; and the vote having been taken, it was decided in the negative. The question then recurred on committing the Resolve to the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, and the vote having been taken, it was decided in the negative. Mr. Austin, of Boston, offered a Resolve as a substitute, which was adopted, as amended by Mr. Wilkinson, of Dedham. On motion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, the Rules were suspended, that the Resolve might take its several readings at the present time. The Resolve was read twice, and pending the question on ordering to a third reading, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. C. Hale, of Boston. Thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions be instructed to ascertain and report the expense of permanently suspending operations upon the Lunatic Hospital at Northampton, and the proper measures for accomplishing the same, and report as soon as practicable.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the undebatable matters were first considered, in their order.

The Bill in addition to several Acts in relation to Registry and Returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths, was recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Resolves, "In favor of the Indians of Gay Head,"

"On the Petition of Abner Hopkins,"

"On the Petition of Charles Brigham,"

"On the Petition of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dover,"

"Granting Taxes to the several Counties," and

The Bills, "In addition to an Act to establish the Dorchester and Milton Extension Railroad,"

"Concerning the Fitchburg Railroad Company,"

"In relation to a Burying Ground in the town of West Roxbury,"

"To incorporate the Ladies' Charitable Association, at Haverhill,"

"To authorize the Congregational Library Association of Boston, to hold additional real and personal estate,"

“To authorize A. C. Carey to build a wharf,”

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Report of the Committee of Conference on the subject matter of difference between the two branches on the Bill in addition to an Act to incorporate the Bank of Mutual Redemption, was accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in relation to Appeals in Criminal Cases, was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bills, “To incorporate the Salisbury Mills,” and

“To incorporate the Boston and Cape Cod Marine Telegraph Company,”

Were severally read a third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Order of Mr. Pike, of Newton, relative to the Lunatic Hospital at Northampton was adopted, was, on motion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, laid on the table.

The next matter in the Orders of the Day was the unfinished business, viz.: Bill in addition to an Act to

incorporate the Tremont Gas Light Company, the question being on passing the same to be engrossed ; pending which, on motion, the Bill was indefinitely postponed.

The Bill, to enlarge the jurisdiction of the Superior Court of the County of Suffolk, and of the Court of Common Pleas, was read a second time, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading.

Mr. Wilkinson, of Dedham, moved the indefinite postponement of the same ; pending which, on motion of Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, the Orders of the Day were laid on the table.

Mr. Robinson, of Lexington, offered the following Order, which was laid over, under the Rule.

Ordered, That the Committee on Manufactures consider the expediency of repealing the charter of the Tremont Gas Light Company, passed February fourteenth, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

The Engrossed Bills,

“ Concerning the Observance of Certain Days,”

(Which originated in the Senate,)

“ Concerning the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Company,”

“To incorporate the Trustees of the Worcester District Methodist Episcopal Church Camp-Meeting Association,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted and sent to the Senate.

The Resolves,

“In relation to the State Library,”

“On the Petition of the Guardian of the Chappequidic Indians,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Pool, of Abington,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Beal, of Boston, presented the Petition of Caleb Stetson and others, to be incorporated as the Boston Inland Mutual Insurance Company. Also,

The Petition of the Boston Board of Trade, for legislative documents.

Severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. Barney, of Nantucket, presented the Petition of Mary M. Weston and others, of Nantucket, for an Act of incorporation as the Ladies' Howard Society, at Nantucket.

Referred to the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Mr. Vinson, of Edgartown, presented the Petition of Ivory H. Lucas and Edwin Maybury, for payment for surgical and medical attendance upon Margaret Peters, one of the Chappaquiddic Indians.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Williams, of Hadley, presented the Memorial of the Trustees of the State Reform School, at Westboro', relative to that institution, which was read and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Usher, of Lynn, presented the Petition of the Mayor of the city of Lynn, relative to an amendment to chapter fifty of the Acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Batchelder, of Holliston,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire and report, if further legislation is necessary in relation to Bowling Alleys and Billiard Rooms.

The Order of Mr. Robinson, of Lexington, of the eleventh instant, relative to the Tremont Gas Light Company, was then taken up and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston, the Petition of

Luther Drew was taken from the files, and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House adopted the Order of Mr. Pike, of Newton, of the seventh inst., relative to the Insane Hospital at Northampton, was taken from the table. The motion to reconsider was carried, and the Order was then laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Reed, of Newburyport, the Resolve in favor of the State Farm at Westboro', was taken from the table, and placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Sever, of Boston, the Resolve relative to Repairs and Furniture for the State House, was taken from the table, and placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Orcutt, of Chelsea, the Bill concerning the Election of Assessors in cities and towns, with the pending Amendment thereto, was taken from the table and placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, the Bill to enable parties in Civil Cases to be witnesses therein, with

the pending Amendment thereto, was taken from the table and placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Wilkinson, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, on the Petition of Alexander H. Clark, for confirmation of Title to Real Estate, and also the Remonstrance of the Selectmen and others, of Falmouth, against said Petition, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

Mr. Fessenden, from the Committee on Towns, on the Petition of Elisha A. Fuller, for the incorporation of a New Town ; also,

The Petitions in aid of, and the Remonstrances against, reported,

That said Petitions and Remonstrances be referred to the next General Court.

Accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, relative to

recognizances for the appearance of witnesses in criminal cases where an appeal has been taken, reported,

That further legislation is inexpedient.

Accepted.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Senate Amendment to the Bill to prevent the evasion of the Laws for the suppression of Lotteries, reported,

That the said Amendment out to be adopted.

Accepted.

Mr. Thurston, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the Bill to prevent Bank Officers from voting as Proxy, reported.

The same in a new draft.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Petition of the Selectmen and others, of Stoughton, reported

A Bill to legalize the Assessment of Taxes in the town of Stoughton, for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Petition of Peter S. Foller and others, reported

A Bill in addition to an Act to establish the District of Marshpee.

Mr. Stoddard, from the same committee, on the Order of Mr. Hall, of Cambridge, of January twenty-second, relative to the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace, and Justices of Police, and Justices Courts, reported

A Bill concerning the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace.

Mr. Wilkinson, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, on the Petition of Clem Jenkins, for leave to inherit certain Real Estate, reported

A Resolve on the Petition of Clem Jenkins for leave to inherit certain Real Estate.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Petition of Nathaniel Appleton and others, reported

A Resolve on the Petition of Nathaniel Appleton and others relative to the Salem Charitable Marine Society.

Papers from the Senate.

The Remonstrance of H. G. Leland and others, of Gardner; also,

The Remonstrance of G. O. Skinner and others, of Princetown; also,

The Remonstrance of W. S. Clark and others, of Hubbardstown; also,

The Remonstrance of L. W. Carruth and others, of Athol,

Severally against the Division of Worcester and Middlesex Counties,

Were severally referred to the Joint Special Committee on that subject.

The Petition of George Hill, City Crier of the city of Boston, for aid from the State,

Was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Severally in concurrence.

The Report, leave to withdraw, on the Petition of David Gore, of Hopkinton, for a change of lines between the towns of Hopkinton and Ashland, was accepted, in concurrence.

The Resolve upon the Petition of William Sohier, Cyrus and Hannah P. Mason, was read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bills, "Changing the line between the Towns of Uxbridge and Northbridge,"

"In addition to an Act entitled an Act for the removal of Insane Convicts from the State Prison,"

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The Orders of the Day were taken up, the first matter being the Bill to enlarge the Jurisdiction of the Superior Court of the County of Suffolk, and the Court of Common Pleas, the question being on the indefinite postponement of the same; and the vote having been taken, it was decided in the negative. The question then recurred upon ordering the Bill to a second reading. The Bill was amended, on motion of Mr. Wilkinson, of Dedham, and on motion of Mr. Codman, of Boston, re-committed to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Orders of the Day were then laid upon the table.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Resolve on the Petition of William Sohier, Cyrus and Hannah P. Mason, reported,

That the same ought to pass.

The Bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Thayer, from the Joint Special Committee on the Petition of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Corporation, presented a Report and Bill in relation to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company, which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

A communication was received from His Excellency the Governor, covering the Annual Report of the Trustees of the Massachusetts School for Idiots and Feeble-Minded Youth, together with the Reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer; also,

The Final Report of the Commissioners upon Charles River and Warren Bridges.

Severally laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The Engrossed Bills,

“To authorize John Gary to extend his wharf,”

(Which originated in the Senate,)

“To incorporate the Fall River Athenæum,”

“In further addition to an Act to establish the City of Cambridge,”

“To incorporate the Salisbury Mills,”

“Concerning the Registry of Deeds in the town of Littleton,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Brooks, of Worcester, under a suspension of the Rules, the vote whereby the Petition of Isaac Davis and others, in aid of the Petition of L. D. Goddard and others, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, was reconsidered, and leave was granted to the same gentleman to withdraw said Petition.

On motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of Saturday was read.

Mr. Milliken, of New Bedford, presented the Petition of the Directors of the Liberty Hall Association, of New Bedford, for liberty to buy real estate.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. Thayer, of Boston, presented the Petition of August Krissman and others, for an Act of incorporation of the Boston Orphans' Singing Society.

Referred to the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Clifford, from the Committee on Claims, on the Petition of the Board of Health of the town of Marlboro', reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Staples, from the Committee on Prisons, on the Petition of William B. Morris, Physician and Surgeon of the State Prison, reported

A Bill, "In relation to the salary of the Physician and Surgeon of the State Prison," which was read, and ordered to a second reading.

The Engrossed Bill, "Establishing a Probate Court in North Bridgewater, in the County of Plymouth, and changing the time of holding the Probate Court at Middleboro', in said County,"

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Andrews, of Danvers, on leave, introduced a Bill determining the Boundary Line between the towns of Danvers and South Danvers.

Referred to the Committee on Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The Order relative to the expense of suspending work upon the Lunatic Hospital at Northampton, came down from the Senate, concurred in, with an amendment, which was adopted, in concurrence.

An Order relative to Passenger Cars stopping at way stations, was non-concurred in.

The Petitions of

Seth S. Maxim, and

Baze Norton and others,

Were severally taken from the files, and recommitted to the Committee on Fisheries.

The Petitions of

The City of Worcester, and

Donald McKay,

Were severally taken from the files, and recommitted to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The Petition of the County Commissioners of the County of Bristol, was taken from the files, and recommitted to the Committee on Prisons.

The Petition of Henry Howland and others, was taken from the files, and recommitted to the Committee on Towns.

Severally in concurrence.

The Reports, "leave to withdraw," on the Petitions of

Joshua E. Bowley and others, and

Edwin Rice,

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of Job T. Wilson, was placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the undebatable matters were first considered.

The Bills, "To authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to establish an additional Branch Track of their railroad in the city of Lowell,"

"In relation to a Burying Ground in the town of West Roxbury,"

"To authorize the Congregational Library Association of Boston, to hold additional real and personal estate,"

"To authorize A. C. Carey to build a Wharf," and

The Resolve on the Petition of William Sohier, Cyrus and Hannah P. Mason,

Were severally read a third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill,

"In addition to an Act to establish the Dorchester and Milton Extension Railroad;" and

The Resolves,

**In favor of the Indians of Gay Head,
On the Petition of Abner F. Hopkins,
On the Petition of the Overseers of the Poor of
the town of Dover,
Granting Taxes for the several Counties.**

**Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed,
and sent up for concurrence.**

Bills,

“To aid in the establishment of an Agricultural Department in Westfield Academy,”

“To incorporate the Chebacco Library Association,”

“Altering the Boundary Line between the towns of Cambridge and Somerville, and annexing portions of each to the other,”

“In relation to the rights of Children, under Guardianship, to attend Public Schools,”

“To incorporate the Eliot City Mission Society, of Roxbury,”

“In addition to an Act entitled, An Act for the removal of Insane Convicts from the State Prison,” and

The Resolves,

“On the Petition of Lewis Aiken,”

“In favor of the Town of Shelburne,”

“Concerning the Annual Report of the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture,”

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve in favor of the State Farm at Westborough, was next taken up, the question being on referring the same to the Committee on Finance, and the vote having been taken, it was decided in the negative, and the Resolve was ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve relative to Repairs and Furniture for the State House, was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill concerning the Election of Assessors in Cities and Towns was next taken up, amended, and as amended, refused a third reading.

The Bill in aid of the Lebanon Springs Aqueduct Company, was recommitted to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Bill concerning Draw Bridges was recommitted to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Bill in relation to the Assessment of Taxes in the city of Lynn, in the years eighteen hundred and fifty-three and eighteen hundred and fifty-four, was read a second time, amended, and ordered to a third reading.

Bill, to enable parties in Civil Actions to be witnesses therein, was next taken up, the question being on the amendment offered by Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, pending which, on motion of Mr. Mixter, of Hardwick, it was ordered that the vote on the main question be taken to-morrow, at eleven o'clock. Also,

On motion, it was ordered, that the vote on the amendment be taken by sections, *seriatim*.

The Orders of the Day were laid on the table.

Paper from the Senate.

The Petition of Otis Holmes and others for a bridge at Holyoke, was referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. C. Hale, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Lamb, of Greenfield, presented the Petition of Aretas Torrey and others, of Bernardston, that County Commissioners may be empowered to authorize Cemetery Corporations to take land for cemetery purposes.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Petition of the Western Avenue Railroad Company, for liberty to change location of road.

Referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Nutter, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the propriety and expediency of providing by law for the appointment of an Attorney for the County of Suffolk, whose duty it shall be to assist those accused of petty crimes or misdemeanors, but who are destitute of means and friends to enable them to defend and enjoy their legal rights.

Mr. Temple, from the Committee on Roads and Bridges, on the Order of Mr. Lunt, of Newbury, of the twenty-ninth ultimo, relative to making and altering Roads, also relating to Juries controlling the action of County Commissioners, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Also, the same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Order of Mr. Ashley, of Fall River, of the fifteenth ultimo, relative to County and Town Roads, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Meekins, of Williamsburg, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Bill concerning the election of Assessors of Cities and Towns was refused a third reading, which motion was placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston, the Bill to repeal chapter two hundred and thirty-eight of the Acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, being an Act to regulate the Assignment and Distribution of the

Property of Insolvent Debtors, was discharged from the Orders of the Day, and laid on the table.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of the Fitchburg Gas Company for an amendment to their Charter, was referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

The Petition of Thomas Greenleaf and others, in aid of the Petition of Henry Howland and others, to set off a part of Malden, and for the incorporation of a New Town, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

The Petition of E. G. Stevens and others, for an Act of incorporation as the South Reading Hotel Company, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The Petition of Samuel Lawrence and others, for a renewal of the State's grant to New England School of Design for Women, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Severally in concurrence.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the several Petitions of Benjamin Allstrum and others,

Lyman Whitman and others,
S. P. Heywood and others,
Charles F. Dodge and others, and
A. W. Smith and others,

Be taken from the files and recommitted to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

The Report, leave to withdraw, on the Petition of Abraham Chase and others, of Grafton and Sutton, for the incorporation of a New Town by the name of "River-ton," was laid on the table.

Bill concerning the Roxbury Mill Corporation, was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill concerning the Salary of the Register of Probate for the County of Dukes, was read and referred to the Committee on Probate and Chancery.

Bill in relation to ordering a Stay or Supersedeas of Executions, was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill relating to the Support of certain Inmates of the State Reform School for Boys and the State Industrial School for Girls, was read, and ordered to a second reading.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the unfinished business of yesterday, viz.:

Bill to enable parties in Civil Actions to be witnesses therein, the question being first on the amendment of Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, and then on ordering the Bill to a third reading.

Pending the question on the first section of the amendment, Mr. Ritchie, of Boston, offered an amendment to the second section, which was ruled out of order.

The hour specially assigned for taking the Main Question having arrived, the question was taken on the amendment by sections, *seriatim*. And the vote having been taken on the first section it was rejected.

Mr. Ritchie offered an amendment to the second section, which the Speaker, (Mr. Orcutt, of Chelsea, in the chair,) decided out of order.

The vote having been taken on all the remaining sections of the pending amendment, they were rejected. The question then recurred upon ordering the Bill to a third reading. Mr. Ritchie, of Boston, offered an amendment.

The Speaker decided the amendment out of order; for the reason that it was not one of the pending amendments.

Mr. Ritchie, of Boston, appealed from the decision of the Chair, for the reason, that having offered his amendment at three several times, and once before the hour specially assigned for taking the vote on the Main Question, the amendment was pending.

The Speaker reaffirmed his decision, and the question having been stated, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House? and the vote having been taken, the decision of the Chair was sustained.

The question then recurred on ordering the Bill to a third reading, and the vote having been taken, it was decided in the affirmative.

The next matter in the Orders of the Day was the Bill for the protection of fisheries on the South Shore and Bays on the south side of the town of Barnstable, and district of Marshpee. The Bill was read a second time, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading. Mr. Howes, of Dennis, moved the indefinite postponement of the Bill, pending which, the Special Assignment was taken up, the same being the Resolve providing for an Amendment to the Constitution for Districting the State for the choice of Representatives to the General Court; the question being on the amendment offered

by Mr. Fenno, of North Chelsea, and then on ordering the Resolve to a third reading, and the vote having been taken upon the first amendment, it was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Brooks, of Worcester,

The House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Taft, of Worcester, presented the Petition of Henry S. Washburn and others, that the Worcester Mechanics' Association may be allowed to hold additional real estate.

Referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Gaston, of Roxbury, presented the Petition of J. J. Clark and others, for increase of pay for District-Attorney for South-Eastern District.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Temple, of Framingham, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Senate Order relative to passenger cars stopping at way stations, was yesterday rejected, and under a suspension of the Rules, the motion was carried, and the Order was adopted, in concurrence. The Order was as follows:—

Ordered, That the Committee on Railways and Canals be instructed to consider and report, if any further legislation is necessary, to oblige passenger trains on railroads to stop sufficient time at way stations to enable passengers to take their seats.

Mr. Fenno, of North Chelsea, on leave, introduced a Resolve providing for an Amendment to the Constitution, relative to Districting the State for the choice of Senators to the General Court, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Mr. Taft, from the Committee on Railways and Canals, on the Order of Mr. Gilbert, of New Bedford, of the seventeenth ultimo, relative to bridges over railroads, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Order of Mr. Reed, of Newburyport, of the fourteenth ultimo, respecting the velocity of railroad trains when crossing bridges, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Severally accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Speaker appointed the following gentlemen as the Joint Special Committee on the part of the House, on the amended Order of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, relative to the expense of suspending work upon the Lunatic Hospital at Northampton, viz. :—

Messrs. Williams, of Hadley,
Conley, of Boston,
Case, of Springfield,
Temple, of Framingham, and
Pike, of Newton.

On motion of Mr. Hinds, of Boston, the Resolve providing for an Amendment to the Constitution, relative to Districting the State for the choice of Representatives to the General Court, was then taken up, the question being on the second amendment offered by Mr. Fenno, of Chelsea, and the vote having been taken, the amendment was adopted ; and the Resolve, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the Bill for the Protection of the Fisheries on the South Shore and Bays on the south side of the town of Barnstable and district of Marshpee, the question being on the indefinite postponement of the same ; and the vote having been taken, it was decided in the nega-

tive. The question then recurred on ordering the Bill to a third reading, and the vote having been taken, it was decided in the affirmative.

The Bill concerning the Sinking Fund of the Western Railroad Company, was read a third time, amended, and on motion of Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, indefinitely postponed.

The Bill relative to the House of Correction and Jail in the County of Plymouth, was, on motion of Mr. Pool, of Abington, passed over.

The Resolve in favor of the State Prison, was, on motion of Mr. Robinson, of Charlestown, recommitted to the Committee on Prisons.

Bill in relation to Clerks of Courts, and other County Officers, was read a third time, amended, on motion of Mr. Hinds, of Boston, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill relating to the Officers of Religious Societies other than Congregational, was, on motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston, indefinitely postponed.

Bill concerning the Police Court of the city of Wor-

cester, was, on motion of Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield, laid on the table.

The Orders of the Day were laid on the table.

Mr. Orcutt, of Chelsea, offered an Order rescinding the Order relative to two sessions per day, which was laid over, under the Rule.

The Engrossed Bills,

“To provide for the Election of a Register of Deeds in the County of Suffolk,”

“To prevent the evasion of Laws for the suppression of Lotteries,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

“To incorporate the Boston and Cape Cod Marine Telegraph Company,”

(Which originated in the Senate,)

Were severally passed to be enacted and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Resolves,

On the Petition of Edward Blake, to sell real estate,

On the Petition of Samuel Jennison, Jr., Guardian,

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, presented the Remonstrance of John H. Pearson and others, against the the passage of the Bill for the appointment of a Harbor-Master for Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Pike, of Newton,

Ordered, That the Committee on Railways and Canals inquire into the expediency of providing by law that no person shall, at the same time, be a Director in more than one Railroad Corporation acting under a charter from this Commonwealth. Also,

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Special Committee appointed to consider and report upon the expense of permanently suspending operations upon the Lunatic Asylum at Northampton, be authorized to visit the site of said Hospital, and to send for persons and papers in relation thereto.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Orcutt, of Chelsea,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll be instructed to report a Resolve providing for the pay of the members of the Executive Council, and the Legislature and its officers, for their travel and attendance; and also for the compensation of the Clerks and Chaplains of the Senate and House of Representatives.

The Order of Mr. Orcutt, of Chelsea, of the fifteenth instant, was taken up and adopted. Said Order was as follows :—

Ordered, That the Order of the first instant, relative to two sessions per day, be hereby rescinded, and that the House meet to-morrow at ten o'clock, A. M., and that that be the hour of meeting until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston, the Report of the Committee on Accounts on the Returns of Sheriffs, was taken from the table and placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Brayton, of Fall River, the Report, inexpedient to legislate, on the Order of Mr. Ashley, of Fall River, was discharged from the Orders of the Day, the question being on the acceptance of the same.

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The same gentleman offered a Bill relative to the construction of County and Town Roads, which was adopted. The Bill was read, and referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee on Fisheries, on the Order of Mr. Jacobs, of Wellfleet, of January thirtieth, relative to the Responsibility of General and Deputy-Inspectors of Pickled Fish, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon. Also,

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Petition of William Pomroy and others, that the time for taking Shad in the Connecticut River be extended, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Also,

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Petition of John Nickerson and others, relating to Seining Fish, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Severally accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Codman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Hawks, of Adams, of the fifteenth ultimo, relative to the suppression of dissipation, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Which Report was accepted. Also,

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Bill concerning the Election of Civil Officers, reported,

That the Bill ought to pass.

The Report was placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Agriculture, on the Petition of the Eastern Hampden Agricultural Society, for an Act of incorporation, reported

A Bill, to incorporate the Eastern Hampden Agricultural Society.

Mr. Strickland, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, on the Order of January fifteenth, of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, relative to an Act concerning Husband and Wife. Also,

On the Order of January eighteenth, of Mr. Hills, of Cambridge, relating to Trustees of Married Women, reported

A Bill to empower Married Women to appoint Trustees.

Mr. Ritchie, from the Committee on Railways and Canals, on the Petition of the Eastern Railroad Company, for leave to amend the location of their road, reported

A Bill concerning the location of the Eastern Railroad.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Agriculture, on the Order of Mr. Taft, of Worcester, of the fourth ultimo, relating to Agricultural Societies ; also,

On the Petition of Levi Lincoln and others, for the repeal of the two hundred and ninety-sixth chapter of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, reported

A Bill in addition to an Act concerning Agricultural Societies which receive the Bounty of the State.

Mr. Temple, from the Committee on Education, on the Petition of the School Committee of the town of Boxford, reported

A Resolve in favor of the Town of Boxford.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of W. H. King, Amos Mellen and others, legal voters of Edgartown, in aid of the Petition of C. F. and E. R. Dunham, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

The Report, "inexpedient to legislate," on the Senate Order relating to the several Banks in the State, was accepted, in concurrence.

Bill, "Incorporating the Roxbury Institute," was read, and ordered to a second reading.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Bill, "Concerning the Election of Assessors of Cities and Towns" was refused a third reading, was lost.

Bill, "In relation to the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Middlesex,"

Was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Subsequently, Mr. Beal, of Boston, moved a reconsideration of the vote, which motion was placed in the Orders of the Day.

Bill, to reannex Chelsea to Boston, was read a second time, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading,

Pending which, on motion of Mr. Orcutt, of Chelsea,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Robinson, of Charlestown, presented the Petition of C. C. Hayward and others, of Charlestown, for the establishment of a Police Court.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Jones, of Chicopee, presented the Petition of Jonathan W. Freeland, Trustee, for the sale of certain real estate.

Referred to the Committee on Probate and Chancery.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Chicopee,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing an Act prohibiting persons from turning cattle and horses upon the public highway, for the purpose of pasturing or feeding them, and report by Bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Jones, of Chicopee,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so altering the laws in relation to Crimi-

inal Districts, that each county shall constitute a Criminal District.

Mr. Stoddard, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Petition of the Mayor of the city of Lynn, relative to an amendment of chapter fifty, of the Acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, reported

A Bill in addition to an Act to establish a Fire Department in the town of Lynn.

Mr. Hills, from the Committee on Claims, on the Petition of Alfred H. Porter, for compensation for injuries received while in the employment of the State, reported

A Resolve on the Petition of Alfred H. Porter.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Petition of the Mayor of the city of New Bedford, reported

A Bill in addition to an Act establishing the City of New Bedford.

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Briggs, from the same committee, on the Order of Mr. Robinson, of Mansfield, of January tenth, relative to Homestead Exemption; also, on the Order of Mr.

Briggs, of Pittsfield, of the seventeenth of January, relative to the same subject; also, on the Order of Mr. Ritchie, of Boston, of the eleventh instant, relative to the manner in which Married Women may convey their interest in their Husband's Homesteads; also, on the Petition of Mason Barney and others, relative to the same subject, reported

A Bill to exempt from levy on execution the Homestead of a Householder, which was read, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lamb, from the same committee, on the Bill to exempt certain articles from Attachment and Execution, reported

The same in a new draft.

Read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Porter, from the Committee on Railways and Canals, on the Petition of Daniel P. Wise and others, for an Act of incorporation as the Malden Railroad Company, and also the Petition of George P. Burnham and others, for a Railroad from Malden to Melrose, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Crane, from the Committee on Leave of Absence, reported leave of Absence to Mr. Taylor, of Great Barrington, for the remainder of the session, from the eighteenth instant.

Accepted.

The Engrossed Bills,

“To punish Frauds in Officers of Corporations and others,”

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

“To authorize Augustus Cary to build a wharf,”

“In relation to a Burying Ground in the town of West Roxbury,”

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Resolve, upon the Petition of William Sohier, Cyrus and Hannah P. Mason,

(Which originated in the Senate,)

Was passed and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of Zenas R. Hinckley and others, for incorporation as the Cape Cod Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The Remonstrance of Wilder S. Thurston and others, of Lancaster, against the Division of Worcester and Middlesex Counties ; also,

The Remonstrance of James N. Frye and others, of Bolton, against the Division of Worcester County,

Were severally referred to the Joint Special Committee on that subject.

The Remonstrance of John Conant and others, legal voters of Beverly, against the Petition of C. F. Dodge and others,

Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Severally in concurrence.

The Reports, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of the Revere Insurance Company ;

On the Petition of the State Mutual Life Insurance Company ; and

Reference to the next Legislature, on the Petition of Joseph G. Luther and others,

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bill, relating to "Lists of Jurors," came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, which was adopted, in concurrence.

A Preamble and Joint Resolution relating to Woodworth's Planing Machine was read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, the Bill concerning the Police Court of the city of Worcester, was taken from the table, and placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Bill in relation to the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Middlesex was passed to be engrossed, was lost.

The Bill to reannex Chelsea to Boston, was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill concerning the Boston and Chelsea Railroad Company, was read a second time, amended, and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to change the name of the Female Medical Education Society to New England Female Medical College, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Orders of the Day were then laid on the table.

A communication was received from the Auditor of the Commonwealth, relative to the Resolve concerning the Indexes to the Journals and Papers of the House, which was read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Meekins, of Williamsburg, presented the Petition of Ansel and George F. Wright, for indemnity against expenses and loss in the discharge of their duty as Sheriffs of the County of Hampshire.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Phelps, of Springfield,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee inquire into the expediency of passing an Act requiring manufacturers to protect patent rights used by them.

Mr. Lamb, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Report of the same committee on the Order of Mr. Oliver, of South Reading, relative to the sale of real estate, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Order of Mr. Titcomb, of Lynnfield, of February fourth, relative to amending section nineteen of chapter three

hundred and twenty-seven, of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Mr. Stoddard, from the same committee, on the Order of Mr. Vose, of Boston, relative to the Repeal of the Usury Laws; also, on the Petition of Moses Williams and others, in favor of the same subject, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Severally accepted.

Mr. Stoddard, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate Bill in relation to ordering a Stay or Supersedeas of Executions, reported,

That the same ought to pass.

The Bill was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Fenno, from the Joint Special Committee on Constitutional Amendments, on the Resolve providing for an Amendment to the Constitution relative to Districting the State for the choice of Senators, reported,

That the same ought to pass.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of the same gentleman of April eighth, relative to release of Dower of Married Women who are Insane, reported

A Bill authorizing the release of Dower in behalf of Married Women who are Insane.

Mr. Sever, from the Committee on Finance, on the Resolve concerning the Attorney-General's Office, reported,

That the same ought to pass.

Mr. Strickland, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, on the Petition of Sidney Harris and others, reported

A Bill in relation to the Probate Court in the county of Worcester.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Petition of Patrick Boise, for leave to sell real estate, reported

A Resolve on the Petition of Patrick Boise to sell real estate.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Petition of William Minot and others, for the repeal of

the two hundred and eighty-third chapter of the Acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, reported

An Act in addition to an Act limiting suits against Executors and Administrators, to two years.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The Engrossed Bills,

In addition to an Act to incorporate the Bank of Mutual Redemption,

To authorize the Congregational Library Association, of Boston, to hold additional real and personal estate,

(Which originated in the Senate,)

Relating to Lists of Jurors,

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of Curtis Hyde and others, of South-bridge, in favor of the Agricultural Branch Railroad Company, was referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

The Remonstrance of the Town of Edgartown, and

The Remonstrance of Daniel Fisher and others,

Severally against the Petition of C. F. and E. R. Dunham,

Were severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The Petition of Willard Worcester and others, of Shirley, and

The Petition of Francis Butterick and others, of Sterling,

Severally in aid of the Petition of Gilman Day and others, for a New County,

Were severally referred to the Joint Special Committee on the Division of Worcester County.

Severally in concurrence.

The Report, reference to the next Legislature, on the Petition of Henry Howland and others, was accepted, in concurrence.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up.

Bills,

“Concerning the Police Court of the city of Worcester,”

“ Relating to the Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace,”

“ To legalize the Assessment of Taxes in the town of Stoughton,”

“ In relation to the salary of the Physician and Surgeon of the State Prison,” and

The Resolves,

“ In favor of the Town of Southbridge,”

On the Petition of Tewksbury and Caldwell,

On the Petition of Nathaniel Appleton and others, relative to the Salem Charitable Marine Societies,

On the Petition of Clem Jenkins, for leave to inherit certain real estate,

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Report of the Committee of Conference on the subject matter of difference between the two branches on the Bill in addition to an Act relating to Savings Banks, was taken up, the question being on the acceptance of the same, pending which, the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

Bill, for the establishment of a State Nautical School, was, on motion of Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, passed over.

Bills, concerning the Fitchburg Railroad Company,

In relation to the Assessment of Taxes, in the city of Lynn, in the years one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four,

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill, in addition to an Act to establish the District of Marshpee, was read a second time, amended, and ordered to a third reading.

Bill, to prevent Bank Officers from voting as proxy, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Worcester, of Townsend, was indefinitely postponed.

Bill, changing the Line between the towns of Uxbridge and Northbridge, was, on motion of Mr. Taft, of Uxbridge, laid on the table.

The Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of Job T. Wilson, for leave to build a Wharf, was next taken up, the question being on the acceptance of the same, pending which, Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, offered a Bill authorizing Job T. Wilson to build a Wharf in the city of Fall River, as a substitute for the Report,

which was adopted. The Bill was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The Resolve in favor of the State Farm at Westboro', was read a third time, amended, on motion of Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Orders of the Day were then laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Titcomb, of Lynnfield, the Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of Elizur Wright, relative to Life Insurance, was taken from the table, and, on motion of Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, was again laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Bliss, of Worcester, the Report of the Committee on Finance, on the Order of Mr. Bliss, of Worcester, relative to Repairs and Furniture in the State House, was taken from the table, and placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Report, "leave to withdraw," on the several Petitions of

J. P. Jewett and others,
Edward Larned and others,
Oliver Edes and others, and
Edward Howard and others,

Was, on motion of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, taken from the table, and placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Littlefield, of Foxboro', under a suspension of the Rules, the vote whereby the communication of the Auditor of the Commonwealth, relative to the Resolve concerning the Indexes to the Journals and Papers of the House was referred to the Committee on Finance, was reconsidered, and the communication was sent to the Senate.

Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield, offered an Order relative to the subject, which was laid over, under the Rule.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Claims, on the Petition of Sherburne F. Morey, reported

A Resolve on the Petition of Sherburne F. Morey.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Petition of Henry Dennis, reported

A Resolve on the Petition of Henry Dennis.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Petition of Enos Clark, Jr., reported

A Resolve authorizing the Treasurer and Receiver-General to release and quitclaim to Enos Clark, Jr., certain lands in Northampton.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Petition of George Lane, as Constable of Gloucester, reported

A Resolve in favor of George Lane, a Constable of the town of Gloucester.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Petition of James H. Pattillo and others, reported

A Resolve on the Petition of James H. Pattillo and others.

Mr. Thayer, from the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred the Reports of the Inspectors of the State Almshouses, reported

A Resolve in favor of the State Almshouses.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Report of the Inspectors of the Hospital at Rainsford Island, reported

A Resolve in aid of the State Hospitals at Rainsford Island and Taunton.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Report of the Trustees of the State Reform School for Girls, reported

A Resolve in favor of the Industrial School for Girls.

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

The Orders of the Day were again taken up, and
Bills,

“To aid in the establishment of an Agricultural Department in Westfield Academy,”

“To incorporate the Chebacco Library Association,”

“Relating to the Rights of Children, under Guardianship, to attend Public Schools,”

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill, “Altering the Boundary Line between the towns of Cambridge and Somerville, and annexing portions of each to the other,”

Was read a third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Baxter, of Quincy,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Loring, of Marlboro', presented the Petition of H. N. Bigelow, in aid of the Agricultural Railroad from Clinton.

Mr. Wheeler, of Northboro', presented the Petition of C. S. Hastings and others, in aid of the Petition of the Agricultural Railroad Company.

Severally referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Mr. Russell, of Salem, presented the Petition of John Betram and others, for amending the Pilot Laws of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Thurston, of Lancaster, presented the Petition of Charlotte A. Woods, of Lancaster, for the confirmation of the title of real estate.

Referred to the Committee on Probate and Chancery.

Mr. Wright, of Marblehead, presented the Petition of Reuben Nichols and others, in aid of the Petition of Ephraim Brown.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Hanks, of Adams, of January third, relative to giving to selectmen and mayor and aldermen the power to prohibit dangerous sports in the public highways, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Mr. Strickland, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, on the Petition of Boyd Howard, of Boston, for divorce, reported,

That the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Severally accepted.

Mr. Hills, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the Petition of Seth W. Parshley, for damages sustained by him during the rebuilding of Charles River Bridge, reported,

That the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Story, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Order of Mr. Orcutt, of Chelsea, of January twenty-eighth, in relation to the Assessment and Collection of Taxes, reported

A Bill in relation to the Assessment and Collection of Taxes.

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The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Bill to enlarge the jurisdiction of the Superior Court of the County of Suffolk, and of the Court of Common Pleas, reported

The same Bill in a new draft.

Mr. Devereux, from the same committee, on the Petition of the proprietors of the City Hotel, in Worcester, reported

A Bill in addition to an Act to incorporate the proprietors of the City Hotel, at Worcester.

Mr. Swan, from the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on the Petition of the First Freewill Baptist Society, at Lawrence, reported

A Bill to incorporate the First Freewill Baptist Church, of Lawrence.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee on Fisheries, on the Petition of George B. Blake and others, for the artificial propagation of fish, reported

A Resolve, "Concerning the Artificial Propagation of Fish."

Mr. Strickland, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, on the Petition of William Greenleaf, Executor, reported

A Resolve on the Petition of William Greenleaf, to pay over certain Trust Funds.

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. West, from the Committee on Prisons, on the Petition of the County Commissioners of Bristol County, reported

A Bill, "To authorize the County Commissioners of the County of Bristol to borrow money, either to repair or to build a House of Correction.

Mr. Milliken, from the same committee, presented a Minority Report on the same subject.

Severally laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Papers from the Senate.

The Reports, "inexpedient to legislate," on the Annual Report of the Commissioners of the Western Railroad Sinking Fund,

On an Order relative to Passenger Cars to stop at way stations ; and

"Leave to withdraw," on the Petition of H. Blanchard,

Were severally accepted; in concurrence.

The Resolves,

"Concerning a Breakwater at Cape May,"

"Further to postpone the operation of chapter fifty-three, of Resolves of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five;" and

The Bills,

"To incorporate the Oxford Hotel Company,"

"To incorporate the American Hotel Company in the North Village in Adams,"

"To incorporate the Proprietors of Oak Grove Cemetery,"

“ To incorporate the Springfield and Farmington Valley Railroad,”

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The Resolve, “ In relation to the Estate of Nahum Capen,” was read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Order of Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield, of yesterday, relative to the Indexes to the Journals and Papers of the House, was then taken up.

On motion of Mr. Wilkinson, of Dedham, the Order was laid on the table.

Mr. Littlefield, of Foxboro', introduced a Resolve relative to the same subject, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, the Order of Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield, was taken from the table, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Thurston, of Lancaster, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House accepted the Report, “ leave to withdraw,” on the Petition of Daniel P. Wise and others, for a Horse Railroad from Malden to Melrose.

The motion was placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Poor, of Danvers, Bill, relative to the House of Correction and Jail in the county of Plymouth, was discharged from the Orders of the Day, and, on motion of Mr. Wilkinson, of Dedham, the same was indefinitely postponed.

The Engrossed Bills,

“In relation to Appeals in Criminal Cases,”

“To incorporate certain persons under the name of the Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society,”

“In addition to an Act to incorporate the Congregational Society in the Second Precinct, in Attleborough,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

“To authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to establish an additional branch track of their railroad, in the city of Lowell,”

(Which originated in the Senate,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the Report, “leave to withdraw,” on the Petitions of

J. P. Jewett and others,
Edward Larned and others,
Oliver Edes and others, and
Edward Howard and others,

Was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill, " 'To incorporate the Ladies' Charitable Association at Haverhill," was read a third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill, " 'To incorporate the Eliot City Mission Society, of Roxbury," and

The Resolves, " 'On the Petition of Lewis Aiken," and
" 'In favor of the Town of Shelburne,"

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill, " 'In addition to an Act for the removal of Insane Convicts from the State Prison,"

Was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Bill, " 'Relating to the support of certain inmates of the State Reform School for Boys, and the State Industrial School for Girls," was, on motion of Mr. Dyer, of Boston, passed over.

The Orders of the Day were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Dyer, of Boston, Bill for the establishment of a State Nautical School, was specially assigned for consideration on Tuesday next, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, the Resolve providing for an Amendment to the Constitution for districting the State for the choice of Representatives to the General Court, was specially assigned for consideration on Wednesday next, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

On motion,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of Saturday was read.

Mr. Webber, of Marblehead, presented the Remonstrance of J. Sparhawk and others, of Marblehead, against the Petition of Ephraim Brown, for authority to construct a way across River Head Beach, in Marblehead.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Allen, of Chicopee,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of limiting the time that voters' names shall be inserted on the voters' lists, and report by Bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Strickland, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, on the Petition of Jonathan W. Freeland to sell real estate, reported

A Resolve on the Petition of Jonathan W. Freeland to sell real estate.

Read, and ordered to a second reading.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up; the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House accepted

the Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of Daniel P. Wise and others, for a Horse Railroad from Malden to Melrose, was decided out of order, the paper not being in the possession of the House.

The Resolve, "Concerning the Annual Report of the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture," and

The Bills,

"In relation to ordering a Stay or Supersedeas of Executions,"

In addition to an Act entitled an Act for the Removal of Insane Convicts from the State Prison,

Were severally read a third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill for the protection of the Fisheries on the South Shore and Bays, on the south side of the Town of Barnstable and District of Marshpee, was read a third time, amended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill concerning the Election of Civil Officers, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills, "To enable Parties in Civil Actions to be Witnesses therein,"

“Concerning the Boston and Chelsea Railroad Company,”

“To change the name of the Female Medical Education Society to New England Female Medical College, and to reorganize the same,”

“Concerning the Police Court of the City of Worcester,”

“Relating to the Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace,”

“To legalize the Assessment of Taxes in the Town of Stoughton,”

“In relation to the Salary of the Physician and Surgeon of State Prison,” and

The Resolves,

In favor of the Town of Southbridge,

On the Petition of Tewksbury and Caldwell,

On the Petition of Nathaniel Appleton and others, relative to the Salem Charitable Marine Societies,

On the Petition of Clem Jenkins, for leave to inherit certain real estate,

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to reannex Chelsea to Boston was read a third time, the question being on ordering the Bill to be engrossed, pending which, on motion of Mr. J. W. Rogers, of Boston, it was ordered that when the question be taken, it be taken by Yeas and Nays; and the roll having been called it appeared that one hundred and eighteen had voted in the affirmative, and seventy-four in the negative; and the Bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Resolves,

In favor of the Town of Boxford,

On the Petition of Alfred H. Porter,

On the Petition of Patrick Boise to sell real estate,

Authorizing the Treasurer and Receiver-General of the Commonwealth to release and quitclaim to Enos Clark, Jr., certain lands in Northampton,

Concerning a Breakwater at Cape May,

Further to postpone the operation of Chapter fifty-three of the Resolves of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and

The Preamble and Joint Resolution relating to Woodworth's Planing Machine, and

The Bills,

“To incorporate the Eastern Hampden Agricultural Society,”

“To empower Married Women to appoint Trustees,”

“Concerning the Location of the Eastern Railroad,”

“In addition to an Act concerning Agricultural Societies which receive the Bounty of the State,”

“Incorporating the Roxbury Institute,”

“In addition to an Act establishing the City of New Bedford,”

“To amend an Act to establish a Fire Department in the town of Lynn,”

“In relation to the Probate Court in the County of Worcester,”

“Authorizing Job T. Wilson to build a Wharf in the city of Fall River,”

“To incorporate the Oxford Hotel Company,”

“To incorporate the American Hotel Company in the North Village in Adams,”

“To incorporate the Proprietors of Oak Grove Cemetery, in Gloucester,”

Relating to the support of certain inmates of the State Reform School for Boys, and the State Industrial School for Girls,

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to exempt certain articles from attachment on Execution, and

Bill to incorporate the Springfield and Farmington Valley Railroad Company,

Were severally passed over.

The Report of the Committee on Finance on the Order of Mr. Bliss, of Worcester, relative to repairs and furniture in the State House,

Was accepted.

Bill in addition to an Act to establish the District of Marshpee, was, on motion of Mr. Crocker, of Barnstable, ordered to be printed.

The Engrossed Bill to set off a part of the town of Braintree and annex the same to the town of Quincy,

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Pool, of Abington, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Bill relative to the House of Correction and Jail in the County of Plymouth was indefinitely postponed.

On motion,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Pollard, of Taunton, presented the Petition of the President and Trustees of the Bristol County Savings Bank, to hold real estate.

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. Heustis, of Leominster, presented the Petition of Augustus Morse and others, for extension of time for the location of the Agricultural Branch Railroad.

Referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Mr. Baker, of Beverly, presented the Petition of William D. Crossfield and others, of Beverly, in aid of the Petition of C. F. Dodge and others, for the location of a highway and bridge over Bass River.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Story, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Warren, of Brighton, of January fourteen, relative to Returns of Votes, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Mr. Lamb, from the same committee, on the Petitions of

John Wetherell and others,

Asa E. Edmonds and others,

Benjamin Brown and others,

Severally for a restriction of the powers of County Commissioners, reported,

That the said Petitions be referred to the next Legislature.

Severally accepted.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of the Town of Orleans to prohibit seining of fish in Pleasant Bay, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

The Petition of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company for leave to make certain changes in the location of their road,

The Petition of Samuel Boyd and others, of Marlboro', and

The Petition of George W. Goodnow and others, of Southboro', severally in favor of the Agricultural Branch Railroad,

Were severally referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

The Petition of Ralph W. Newton and others, to be incorporated as the Revere Insurance Company,

Was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The Petition of John Sawyer, 2d., and others, of Templeton, in aid of the Petition of Gilman Day and others, for a New County ; also,

The Petition of Manson D. Hows and others, of Leominster ; also,

The Petition of S. H. Goodnow and others, of Fitchburg, severally in aid of the same,

Were severally referred to the Joint Special Committee on that subject.

Severally in concurrence.

Bills, " Concerning the Boston and Lowell and Salem and Lowell Railroad Companies,"

" In addition to the Act relating to the Annual Reports of Railroad Corporations,"

" To change location of the John Hancock Bank,"

“To extend the time for the construction of a Branch Railroad into the city of Boston, by the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation,”

“Establishing a new Boundary Line between Salem and South Danvers,”

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills,

“Concerning Idle and Disorderly Persons,”

“In addition to an Act to establish the City of Springfield,”

Were severally read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Orcutt, of Chelsea, Bill, changing the line between the towns of Uxbridge and Northbridge, was taken from the table, and, under a suspension of the Rules, was read twice, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Bill relative to the House of Correction and Jail in the County of Plymouth, was indefinitely postponed, was carried, and the Bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The hour specially assigned for the consideration of the Bill for the establishment of a State Nautical School having arrived, the Bill was read a second time, the question being on ordering the Bill to a third reading, pending which, on motion of Mr. Brooks, of Worcester, the Bill was laid on the table. Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Dyer, of Boston, the Bill was taken from the table and specially assigned for further consideration on Thursday next, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

The Engrossed Bills,

To incorporate the Ladies' Charitable Association, at Haverhill,

(Which originated in the Senate,)

Concerning the Fitchburg Railroad Company,

In addition to an Act to establish the Dorchester and Milton Extension Railroad,

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Resolves,

On the Petition of Charles Brigham,

In favor of the Indians of Gay Head,

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Abercrombie, of Quincy,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Ward, of Spencer, presented the Petition of the Selectmen of Spencer, that allowance may be made to Daniel Green, for services rendered by him to the State.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Vinson, of Edgartown, presented the Remonstrance of William P. Chadwick and others, of Edgartown, against the Petition of C. F. and E. R. Dunham.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. Johnson, of Lowell, presented the Petition of Augustus Woodbury and others, of Lowell, in relation to a change of School Committee in Lowell.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Brayton, of Fall River, presented the Petition of John Baylies and others, for the modification of the fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth sections of the thirty-ninth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Ashley, of Fall River, presented the Petition of Daniel Wilbur and others, of Somerset, in aid of the Petition of the County Commissioners of Bristol County to borrow money.

Referred to the Committee on Prisons.

Mr. Wheeler, of Northborough, presented the Petition of L. B. Boutwell and others, in aid of the Petition of the Agricultural Railroad Company.

Referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. C. Hale, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Clerk cause to be printed, for the use of the House, the Census of June one, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, corrected.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency, of making an arrangement with the publishers of Lippincott's Pronouncing Dictionary and Gazetteer of the World, by which said Dictionary and Gazetteer can be furnished to the schools of this Commonwealth at greatly reduced prices, as it is understood

said publishers would be willing to do, and report to the House by Bill, or otherwise.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Codman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Order of Mr. Hinds, of Boston, of January fifteen, relative to Railroad Commissioners, reported,

That the same be referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Accepted.

The Order was sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Lamb, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Hero, of Milford, of January twenty-third, relative to the Suppression of Gambling, reported,

Inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Accepted.

Mr. Reed, from the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the Petition of George Bates and others, for incorporation as the East Boston Masonic Association, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee on Fisheries, on the Petition of Seth S. Maxim, for authority to make a Herring Fishery in Red Brook, in Wareham, reported,

That the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Severally accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Story, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Emery, of Charlestown, of February eleventh, relative to amending chapter two hundred and thirty seven of the Statutes of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, reported

A Bill in addition to an Act to authorize Towns to take Land for School-houses, passed May first, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

Mr. Story, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, of February twenty-two, in relation to the Payment of Witnesses in Criminal Actions, reported

A Bill in relation to the Payment of Witnesses in Criminal Actions.

Mr. Taft, of Worcester, from the Committee on Railways and Canals, on the Petition of the City of Worces-

ter, for an Act in addition to an Act for supplying the city of Worcester with pure Water, reported

A Bill in addition to an Act to supply the city of Worcester with pure Water.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Senate Resolve in relation to the Estate of Nahum Capen, reported

That the same ought to pass.

The Bill was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Temple, from the Joint Special Committee on the Expense of permanently suspending the work upon the Lunatic Hospital, at Northampton, presented a Report, which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Papers from the Senate.

The Annual Report of the Trustees of the Perkins Institution and Massachusetts Asylum for the Blind, was referred to the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

The Petition of Isaac Davis and others, of North-

borough, in favor of the Agricultural Branch Railroad, was referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Severally in concurrence.

The Report, leave to withdraw, on the Petition of A. C. Mayhew and others, relative to the Police Court at Milford,

Was accepted, in concurrence.

Bills,

“To protect Boston Harbor,”

“Concerning State Paupers,”

“Authorizing the County Commissioners of Plymouth to lay out a road and construct a bridge across the We-wyantitt River,”

“To authorize the enclosure of certain Common Lands in Reading.”

The communication of the Auditor of Accounts, relative to the Resolve concerning Indexes to the Journals and Papers of the House, came down from the Senate, referred to a Joint Special Committee consisting of Messrs. White and Munroe, on the part of the Senate. On motion, the House non-concurred.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and

Bills, "In addition to an Act limiting Suits against Executors and Administrators, to two years,"

"Authorizing the release of Dower in behalf of Married Women, who are insane,"

To incorporate the First Freewill Baptist Church of Lawrence, and

The Resolves concerning the Attorney-General's Office,

In favor of the State Industrial School for Girls,

In aid of the State Hospitals at Rainsford Island and Taunton,

In favor of the State Almshouses,

On the Petition of James H. Patillo and others,

In favor of George Lane, a Constable in the town of Gloucester,

On the Petition of Henry Dennis,

On the Petition of Sherburne F. Morey,

On the Petition of William Greenleaf, to pay over certain Trust Funds,

Concerning the Artificial Propagation of Fish,

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve providing for an Amendment to the Constitution, relative to Districting the State for the choice of Senators to the General Court, was, on motion of Mr. Robinson, of Lexington, passed over.

The Bill in addition to an Act to incorporate the Proprietors of the City Hotel, at Worcester, was read a second time, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading. Mr. Brooks, of Worcester, offered an amendment to the Bill, pending which, the Special Assignment was taken up, the same being the amended Resolve providing for an Amendment to the Constitution for Districting the State for the choice of Representatives to the General Court. The Resolve was read a third time, and the question being on agreeing to the passage of the Resolve, as provided by the Constitution; the roll was called, and it appeared that two hundred and twenty-six members had voted in the affirmative; fifty-four in the negative. And two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon having voted in favor thereof, the Resolve was agreed to, in concurrence, with the amendment, which was sent up for concurrence.

The said Resolve and Article of Amendment are as follows:—

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Six.

R E S O L V E

Providing for an Amendment of the Constitution relative to the Right of Suffrage.

Resolved, By both Houses, (the same being agreed to by a majority of the Senators and two-thirds of the members of the House of Representatives present and voting thereon):—

That it is expedient to alter the Constitution of this Commonwealth by adopting the subjoined Article of Amendment, and that the same, as thus agreed to, be entered on the Journals of the two Houses, with the Yeas and Nays taken thereon, and referred to the General Court next to be chosen, and that the same be published, to the end that, if agreed to by the General Court next to be chosen, in manner provided by the Constitution, it may be submitted to the people for their ratification, in order that it may become part of the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

A census of the legal voters of each city and town, on the first day of May, shall be taken and returned into the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, on or before the last day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven; and a census of the inhabitants of each city and town, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and of every tenth year thereafter. In the census aforesaid, a special enumeration shall be made of the legal voters, and in each city, said enumeration shall specify the number of such legal voters aforesaid, residing in each ward of such city. The enumeration aforesaid shall determine the apportionment of representatives for the periods between the taking of the census.

The House of Representatives shall consist of two hundred and forty members, which shall be apportioned by the Legislature at its first session after the return of each enumeration, as aforesaid, to the several counties of the Commonwealth equally, as nearly as may be, according to their relative numbers of legal voters, as ascertained by the next preceding special enumeration; and the town

of Cohasset in the county of Norfolk, shall, for this purpose, as well as in the formation of districts as herein after provided, be considered a part of the county of Plymouth and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to certify, as soon as may be after it is determined by the Legislature, the number of representatives to which each county shall be entitled, to the board authorized to divide each county into representative districts. The mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston, the county commissioners of other counties than Suffolk, or in lieu of the mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston or of the county commissioners in each county other than Suffolk, such board of special commissioners in each county, to be elected by the people of the county, or of the towns therein, as may for that purpose be provided by law, shall on the first Tuesday of August next after each assignment of representatives to each county, assemble at a suitable town of their respective counties, and proceed, as soon as may be, to divide the same into representative districts of contiguous territory, so as to apportion the representatives assigned to each county equally, as nearly as may be according to the relative number of legal voters in the

several districts of each county ; and such districts shall be so formed that no town or ward of a city shall be divided therefor, nor shall any district be made which shall be entitled to elect more than three representatives. Every representative, for one year at least, next preceding his election, shall have been an inhabitant of the district for which he is chosen, and shall cease to represent such district when he shall cease to be an inhabitant of the Commonwealth. The districts in each county shall be numbered by the board creating the same, and a description of each, with the numbers thereof, and the number of legal voters therein, shall be returned by the board to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to the county treasurer of each county, and to the clerk of every town in each district, to be filed and kept in their respective offices. The manner of calling and conducting the meetings for the choice of representatives, and of ascertaining their election, shall be prescribed by law. Not less than one hundred members of the House of Representatives shall constitute a quorum for doing business, but a less number may organize temporarily, adjourn from day to day, and compel the attendance of absent members.

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The Yeas and Nays on agreeing to the passage of
Resolve, were as follows:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Allen, J.

Allen, S.

Arnold

Ashley

Babcock

Bagley

Baker

Baldwin

Barney

Barrows

Batchelder, S.

Baxter, J. A.

Beal, G., Jr.

Beal, J. H.

Blair

Bliss

Blood

Bosworth

Boyce

Brayton

Brewster

Briggs, E.

Briggs, H. S.

Brooks

Burbank

Calef

Messrs. Case

Chamberlain

Chapin

Childs

Clapp

Clifford

Colton

Conant

Conley

Converse, A. L.

Converse, W. B.

Cook

Crocker

Curtis

Davis, A.

Dennie

Devereux

Dewey

Dunton

Dupée

Dyer, D.

Dyer, M., Jr.

Eastman

Edwards

Emerson

Emery

Messrs. Endicott

Estes
Farrington
Felch
Fenno
Fessenden
Fletcher
Floyd
Ford
Foster
Freeland
Freeman
Frye
Fuller
Gardner
Gaston
Gavitt
Gay
Gilbert
Godfrey
Goff
Gould
Goss
Gray, E.
Gray, J.
Hagar
Hale, C.
Hale, T. P.
Hall, F.
Hall, S. W.
Hammond, A. B.
Hammond, D.

Messrs. Hammond, E.

Hard
Harding
Hayiland
Hawkes
Haynes
Hero
Herrick
Heustis
Hicks
Hildreth
Hills
Hinds
Holbrook, A.
Homer
Howard
Howe
Howes
Huse
Ingalls
Ingraham
Jenkins
Johnson, J.
Johnson, J. P.
Johnson, W. F.
Jones, Justin
Jones, P. C.
Kingsley
Lawrence, A. F.
Lawrence, A. L.
Lewis, D. J.
Lewis, J. S.

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Messrs. Lincoln

Littlefield
Loring, Harrison
Loring, Hollis
Lovett
Low
Lunt
Luscomb
Makepeace
Mansfield
Manson
Mayhew
Mayo
Meekins
Merwin
Mixer
Morriss
Murdock
Nickerson
Netter
Nye
Oliver
Orcutt
Palme
Parker, W.
Parsons, E. T.
Partridge
Pearce
Phelps, C. A.
Phelps, S. H.
Phelps, W.
Phillips

Messrs. Pike

Pitman
Plummer
Pollard
Pomeroy
Poor
Potter
Pratt, C. M.
Pratt, I.
Pratt, J., 2d.
Read
Rhodes
Ritchie
Robbins
Robinson, E. R.
Robinson, J.
Robinson, S. W.
Robinson, W.
Roby
Rogers, C. O.
Rogers, J. W.
Russell, G. W.
Russell, J. W.
Sawyer, M., 2d.
Sever
Shaw
Shepard
Smith, B. M.
Smith, Heman
Smith, M.
Smith, W.
Southworth

Messrs. Sparrell

Standish

Staples

Stone

Story, I.

Story, S.

Strickland

Swallow

Swan

Taft, C. A.

Taggart

Tagart

Temple, A. H.

Temple, J. H.

Tenney, J.

Thayer

Thatcher

Thacher

Thaxter

Thomas

Thurston

Tidd

Tilton

Messrs. Torrey

Towne

Turner

Upham

• Upton

Usher

Vinson

Ward

Warner

Warren

Weeks

Wells

West

Weston

Wheeler, A. B.

White, M.

• White, T. S.

Whitney, H. G.

Wilcox

Williams, J. O.

Williams, P. S.

Woodcock

Worcester

Nays.**Messrs. Adams, L.**

Armington

Bates

Belden

Blake

Bowker

Messrs. Child

Cole, S.

Crane

Crossman

Davenport

Faulkner

Messrs. Flagg	Messrs. Parsons, S. L.
French	Porter,
Gordon	Pratt, A., Jr.
Goulding	Putnam
Guilford	Rockwood
Handley	Smith, Hiram
Hartwell	Smith, J. H.
Healy	Snow
Jacobs	Stebbins
Jones, Jon.	Stevens
Keith, P.	Stratton
Knight	Taylor, C.
Lamb	Tatnell
Leach	Titcomb
Manning	Webb
Marble	Webber
Merriam	Weld
Miles	Whitney, O., Jr.
Moore	Willard
Newhall	Wood
Parker, J. W.	York

The Orders of the Day were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, the Report, leave to withdraw, on the Petition of Elizur Wright, relative to Life Insurance, was taken from the table, and placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield, the Bill to

exempt from Levy on Execution, the Homestead of a Householder, was taken from the table, and placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Engrossed Bills,

Altering the Boundary Line between the Towns of Cambridge and Somerville, and annexing portions of each to the other,

In addition to an Act entitled, "An Act for the Removal of Insane Convicts from the State Prison,"

In relation to ordering a Stay or Supersedeas of Executions,

(Which severally originated in the Senate,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Resolves,

On the Petition of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Dover,

Relative to repairs and furniture for the State House,

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

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**Concerning the Annual Report of the Secretary of
Board of Agriculture,**

(Which originated in the Senate,)

Were severally passed, and sent to the Senate.

• **On motion of Mr. J. W. Rogers, of Boston,**

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Burbank, of Boston, presented the Petition of the Boston Light Artillery Company, to be remunerated for the loss of a horse while said company was on duty at encampment.

Referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Mr. Mixer, of Hardwick, presented the Petition of the President and Stockholders of the Grocers' Bank, for change of name and reduction of capital.

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. Huse, of Newburyport, presented the Petition of Patrick McGlew and others, to be incorporated as the "Independent Benevolent Society of Newburyport."

Referred to the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Severally in concurrence.

Mr. Johnson, of Lowell, presented the Petition of Charles S. Seaver and others, citizens of Lowell, for alte-

ration of law, that Atheists may have the privilege of giving in Evidence in the Courts of this Commonwealth.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, presented the Petition of George O. Fairbanks and others, of Fall River, in relation to Spirituous Liquors seized in Fall River under the Law of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.

Read, and referred to a Joint Special Committee, and the Speaker took time to appoint.

On motion of Mr. Potter, of Dartmouth,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education consider the expediency of further legislation relative to Taxation for School purposes.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Lawrence,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, consider the expediency of introducing the Study of Navigation into the State Reform School for Boys at Westboro'; also, the expediency of furnishing a Model Vessel with modern improvements, so that the Students may obtain a practical knowledge of Nautical Science.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Story, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Oliver, of South Reading, of January eighteenth, relative to the powers of County Commissioners in regard to Railroad Crossings, reported,

That the same should be referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

The Report was accepted, and the Order sent up for ~~concurrence.~~

Mr. Mixter, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the Order of Mr. Slade, of Fall River, of March twenty-fourth, relative to the weighing of coal, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Robinson, of Charlestown, relative to giving Justices of the Peace jurisdiction in certain cases, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Accepted.

Mr. Fletcher, from the Committee on Elections, on the Petition of Edward W. Hinks and William M. Cornell, presented a Report; also,

A Minority Report from the same committee, on the same subject.

Severally laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ritchie, from the Committee on Railways and Canals, on the Petition of the Hampshire and Hampden Railroad Company, reported

A Bill to authorize the Hampshire and Hampden Railroad Corporation to extend their Railroad.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee on Fisheries, on the Petition of Elijah Norton and others, reported

A Bill, "To incorporate the Farm Pond Fishing Company, in Edgartown."

Mr. Gould, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the Petition of E. G. Stearns and others, reported

A Bill, "To incorporate the South Reading Hotel Company."

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Agriculture, on the Order of Mr. Smith, of Chicopee, of March twenty-ninth, relative to the measurement of wood, reported

A Bill, "To prevent Frauds in the Measurement of Wood."

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Sever, of Boston, of the fourth instant, relative to the amendment of chapter seventy-five of the Resolves of one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, reported

Resolves in relation to accounts against the Commonwealth.

Mr. Potter, from the Committee on Railways and Canals, on the Order of Mr. Potter, of Dartmouth, of the fifth of February, relative to Brakemen, reported

A Bill in relation to Brakemen on Railways.

Mr. Meekins, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the Petition of Joseph Friend and Company, reported

A Bill to authorize Joseph Friend, Frederick Norwood and Samuel K. Friend, to extend their wharf.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Petition of David Low and others, reported.

A Bill to authorize David Low to extend the wharf belonging to the heirs of George Parkhurst, deceased.

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Stoddard, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Senate Bill in addition to an Act to establish the City of Springfield, reported,

That the same ought to pass.

The Bill was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cole, of Sutton, Report, leave to withdraw, on the Petition of Abraham Chace and others, was taken from the table and placed in the Orders of the Day.

Papers from the Senate.

The Reports, "leave to withdraw" on the Petition of Asa Fiske and others, relative to Railroad Crossings, and

Reference to the next Legislature, on the Petition of the Western Avenue Railroad Company,

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Globe Insurance Company, of Boston,

Was read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Sever, from the Committee on Finance, on the Order and Resolve relative to the Journals and Papers of the House, reported

Resolve concerning the Journals and Papers of the House of Representatives. The Resolve was read, and ordered to a second reading. Subsequently, Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, moved a suspension of the Rules, that the Resolve might take its second readings at the present time. The Resolve was read a second time, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading; pending which, the Special Assignment was taken up, the same being the Bill for the establishment of a State Nautical School, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading; and on this question the Yeas and Nays were ordered, and pending which,

On motion of Mr. Emerson, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Poor, of Danvers, presented the Remonstrance of J. W. Hubbard and others, against changing the dividing line between South Danvers and Salem.

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Kingsley, of Northampton.

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims consider the case of Isaiah Stoddard, who, for the past sixteen years, has been a faithful Messenger of this House.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Parsons, from the Committee on Prisons, on the Petition of Charles Spear, for the establishment of an office of General Inspector of Prisons for the State, reported,

That the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Austin, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the Petition of the Boston Board of Trade, reported

A Resolve in favor of the Boston Board of Trade.

Mr. Burt, from the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the Petition of J. H. Wilkins and others, reported

A Bill to incorporate the Homœopathic Medical Dispensary.

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

The Reports, "inexpedient to legislate," on the Bill changing the name and location of the American Marble Company ; also,

On the Order of Mr. Ritchie, of Boston, of January thirtieth, relative to Joint Stock Companies ; also,

On the Order of Mr. Southworth, of Franklin, of April second, relative to Joint Stock Companies,

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Petition of S. C. Phillips, for an Act of incorpora-

tion to hold real estate, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

The Engrossed Bills,

“Changing the line between the towns of Uxbridge and Northbridge,”

“Relative to the House of Correction and Jail in the County of Plymouth,”

“To reannex Chelsea to Boston,”

(Which severally originated in the Senate,)

Were severally passed to be enacted and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Orcutt, of Chelsea, the Bill establishing a new Boundary Line between Salem and South Danvers, was discharged from the Orders of the Day, read a second time, amended, and ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, on motion of the same gentleman, the Bill was read a third time, under a suspension of the Rule and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendments, which were sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, the Bill to incorporate the Springfield and Farmington Valley Rai

road Company, was discharged from the Orders of the Day, and specially assigned to Wednesday next, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the Bill for the establishment of a State Nautical School, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading. The Bill was amended, and the Previous Question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Russell, of Worcester; and the roll having been called, it appeared that sixty-nine members had voted in the affirmative, and one hundred and ninety-five in the negative; so the Bill was refused a third reading.

The Orders of the Day were then laid on the table.

Mr. Dyer, of Boston, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Bill was refused a third reading.

Mr. Wells, of Stockbridge, moved a suspension of the Rules, that that question might be considered at the present time; and on this question the Yeas and Nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, and the roll having been called, it appeared that one hundred and thirty-eight members had voted in the affirmative,

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and seventy-one in the negative, and two-thirds not having voted in the affirmative, the motion to suspend the Rules was lost, and the motion to reconsider was placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Parker, of Groton, presented a Resolve of the Town of Groton, on the Division of the County of Middlesex, which was referred to the Committee on the Division of Worcester County.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of reporting a Bill, authorizing the planting of Shade Trees upon the streets of cities and towns.

Mr. Pike, of Newton, offered the following Order, which was rejected.

Ordered, That the Committee on Railways and Canals inquire whether any Railway Corporation, acting under a charter granted by this Commonwealth, now owns and employs slaves in the management of its affairs, or the prosecution of any part of its business, and whether any further legislation is necessary in regard thereto.

Subsequently, Mr. Pike, of Newton, moved a reconsideration of the vote, which motion was placed in the Orders of the Day.

The same gentleman, offered the following Order, which was laid on the table:—

Ordered, That a Joint Special Committee consisting of Five on the part of the House, and such as the Senate may join, be instructed to inquire into the necessity and expediency of further legislation, in order to the prevention of fitting out vessels in any of the ports of this Commonwealth, for the prosecution of the Slave Trade, East Indian or African, and report what enactments are necessary, if any, in relation thereto.

The same gentleman moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Bill establishing a new Boundary Line between Salem and South Danvers, was yesterday passed to be engrossed, which motion was placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Fessenden, of Cambridge, on leave, introduced a Bill concerning Parish Lands of the First Congregational Society in West Cambridge, which was referred to the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Sent up for concurrence.

The following gentlemen are the Committee on the part of the House, on the Petition of George O. Fairbanks, viz.:—

Messrs. Hall, of Cambridge,
Andrews, of Danvers,
Brayton, of Fall River,
Dupee, of Boston, and
Batchelder, of Chelsea.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Crane, from the Committee on Leave of Absence, reported leave of absence to Mr. Hammond, of Boston, for the remainder of the session, from and after this day.

Accepted.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Militia, on the Order of Mr. Burbank, of Boston, of January ninth, relating to elementary and battalion drills, reported,

Inexpedient to legislate thereon. Also,

On the Order of Mr. Taylor, of Great Barrington, of January twenty-sixth, respecting Military Fines, reported,

Inexpedient to legislate thereon. Also,

On the Petition of J. S. Jones, for compensation for Medicines furnished the First Regiment of Infantry, reported

That the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Also,

On the Petition of E. F. Jones, for compensation for a Horse at Camp Gardner, reported,

That the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Also,

On the Petition of the Boston Light Artillery Company, for remuneration for a Horse lost while on duty, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Severally accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The same gentleman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Petition of Aretas Terry and others, relative to County Commissioners' Powers, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

Mr. Hall, from the Committee on Bills in a Third Reading, on the Resolve on the Petition of James H. Pattillo and others,

Reported the same in a new draft.

The Resolve was placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Swan, from the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, to whom was recommitted the Bill in addition to an Act entitled an Act to incorporate Trinity Church, in the town of Bridgewater, reported

The same in a new draft.

Mr. Milliken, from the Committee on Prisons, on the Resolve in favor of the State Prison, reported

A Resolve in favor of the State Prison.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the Petition of the Bristol County Savings Bank, reported

A Bill to authorize the Bristol County Savings Bank to hold Real Estate.

Mr. Strickland, from the Committee on the Petition of Charlotte A. Woods, for the confirmation of the title of real estate, reported

A Resolve on the Petition of Charlotte A. Woods Guardian.

Mr. Haynes, from the Committee on the Pay Roll, on the Order of Mr. Orcutt, of Chelsea, of April sixteenth, relative to the pay of members, reported

A Resolve, providing for the Pay of the Council, Senate, and House of Representatives.

Mr. Austin, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the Order of Mr. T. P. Hale, of Boston, of January eleventh, relative to the fraudulent sale and transfer of assets by insolvent debtors. Also,

On the Petition of J. M. Beebe, Richardson and Company and others, reported

A Bill, in addition to the several Acts for the relief of insolvent debtors, and the more equal distribution of their effects.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

The Reports, "leave to withdraw,"

On the Petition of E. E. Davison, for leave to fill up flats in South Bay ;

On the Petition of Zenas R. Hinckley and others, for an Act of incorporation as a Mutual Fire Insurance Company ;

On the Petition of Dennis Condry's and others, for incorporation as a Marine Fire Insurance Company ;

On the Petition of B. Perkins and others for incorporation as a Steamship Company ;

On the Petition of Alfred Norton and others for an Act of incorporation as the New England Paper Mill Insurance Company ;

On the Petition of Calvin Cutter and others, of Warren ; also, the Petition of Elisha Murdock and others, of Winchendon, relative to the Territory of Kansas ;

On the Petition of Henry B. Blanchard and others, to be incorporated as the Boston and Albany Steamship Company, and

Inexpedient to legislate, on the Order of Mr. Mixter, of Hardwick, relative to closing construction accounts by railroads,

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bill in relation to Stationary Steam Engines, was read, and ordered to a second reading.

Bill in relation to the election of Clerks of Courts, and other County Officers, came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, which was placed in the Orders of the Day.

“To incorporate the Oxford Hotel Company,”

“To incorporate the American Hotel Company, in the North Village of Adams,”

“To incorporate the Proprietors of Oak Grove Cemetery, in Gloucester,”

“In addition to an Act to establish the City of Springfield; and

The Resolves,

“Concerning a Breakwater at Cape May,”

“In relation to the Estate of Nahum Capen,”

Were severally read a third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Resolve on the Petition of Jonathan Freeland, to sell Real Estate, and

The Bills,

Concerning the Boston and Lowell and Salem and Lowell Railroad Companies,

In addition to the Act in relation to the Annual Reports of Railroad Corporations,

To extend the time for the construction of a Branch

Railroad into the city of Boston, by the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation,

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Plymouth to lay out a road and construct a bridge over Weweantitt River,

Concerning State Paupers,

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, of Lexington,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of Saturday was read.

Mr. Leach, of Plymouth, presented the Petition of Charles Burton and others, for a Library at Plymouth.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Pollard, of Taunton,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking be instructed to inquire what further legislation is necessary, if any, in regard to the form of the Bank Returns now required by law, and report by Bill or otherwise.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Crane, from the Committee on Leave of Absence, reported leave of absence be granted to Mr. Robinson, of Newburyport, for the remainder of the session from the twenty-sixth instant.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Mansfield, of Blackstone, of the twenty-second of March, relative to Taxes on Personal Property, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Mr. Story, from the same committee, on the Petition of Charles Seaver and others, for alteration of the Law so that Atheists may have the privilege of giving in evidence in the Courts of this Commonwealth, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Severally accepted.

On motion of Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, the Resolve providing for an Amendment to the Constitution, relative to Districting the State for the choice of Senators to the General Court, was discharged from the Orders of the Day, and specially assigned for consideration on Thursday next, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

Mr. Pike, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, on the Order of Mr. Hills, of Franklin, of February twenty-ninth, relative to jurisdiction of Judges of Probate, reported

A Bill in addition to "An Act concerning Judges of Probate."

Read, and ordered to a second reading.

The Engrossed Bills,

"To incorporate the Eliot City Mission Society, of Roxbury,"

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Resolve, granting Taxes for the several Counties,

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Was passed, and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of Bennett White and Company, and others, in aid of the Resolve in favor of Abner F. Hopkins, was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

The Report, leave to withdraw, on the Petition of Otis Clapp and others, for an Act of incorporation as the Massachusetts Savings Bank, was accepted, in concurrence.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Order of Mr. Pike, of Newton, relative to the employment of slaves by railroad corporations chartered by this Commonwealth was rejected, was lost.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Bill establishing a new Boundary Line between Salem and South Danvers was passed to be engrossed, was lost.

The next matter in the Orders of the Day was the Resolves concerning the Journals and Papers of the House; the question being on ordering the Bill to a third reading, and the vote having been taken, it was decided in the affirmative, and the Resolve was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill, "In addition to an Act to incorporate the Proprietors of the City Hotel, at Worcester," was next taken up, the question being on the amendment offered by Mr. Brooks, of Worcester, and the vote having been taken, the amendment was rejected, and the Bill was ordered to a third reading.

The Orders of the Day were laid on the table.

The Engrossed Bills,

"To incorporate the Chebacco Library Association,"

"Concerning the Boston and Chelsea Railroad Company,"

"To aid in the establishment of an Agricultural Department in Westfield Academy,"

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Resolve on the Petition of Lewis Aiken,
(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Was passed and sent to the Senate.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up.

Bill to enlarge the Jurisdiction of the Superior Court of the County of Suffolk, and the Court of Common Pleas, was read a second time, amended on motion of Messrs. Burbank, of Boston, Wilkinson, of Dedham, and Story, of Somerville, and ordered to a third reading.

Bill in relation to the assessment and collection of Taxes, was read a second time, and recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter two hundred and ten of the Statutes of eighteen hundred and forty-nine.

The Preamble and Joint Resolution relating to Woodworth's Planing Machine, was recommitted to the Committee on Manufactures.

The Resolves "In favor of the Town of Boxford,"

"On the Petition of Alfred H. Porter,"

"Authorizing the Treasurer and Receiver-General of

the Commonwealth to release and quitclaim, to Enos Clark, Jr., certain lands in Northampton," and

The Bill, "To exempt certain Articles from Attachment on Execution,"

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill, "Relating to the support of Certain Inmates of the State Reform School for Boys, and the State Industrial School for Girls;" and

The Resolve, "To further postpone the operation of chapter fifty-three of the Resolves of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five,"

Were severally read a third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill, "To change the location of the John Hancock Bank," was read a second time, and refused a third reading.

The Orders of the Day were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Dyer, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Stone, of Charlestown, presented the Petition of M. A. Lane and others, in aid of the Petition of C. C. Hayward, for the establishment of a Police Court in the city of Charlestown.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting further power to the Judges of the Superior Court in deciding matters of law.

On motion of Mr. Littlefield, of Foxboro',

Ordered, That the Committee on Printing consider and report some provision for the printing of the State during the current year.

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Mr. Robinson, of Lexington, offered the following Order, which was laid over, under the Rule:—

Ordered, That the time, for the final adjournment of this Legislature be fixed for Friday, the sixteenth day of May, at twelve o'clock, M.

Mr. Thomas, of New Bedford, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House refused Bill to change the location of John Hancock Bank, a third reading, which motion was placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Fessenden, of West Cambridge, Bill "Relating to Savings Banks and Institutions for Savings," was taken from the table, and placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Burbank, of Boston, Bill "To repeal chapter two hundred and thirty-eight, of the Acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six," being Act to regulate the Assignment and Distribution of the Property of Insolvent Debtors, was taken from the table, read a second time, and ordered to a third reading. Subsequently, under a suspension of the Rules, the Bill was read a third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. Williams, from the Special Committee on the Memorial of Benjamin N. Bullock, reported,

That the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

Mr. Fessenden, from the Committee on Towns, on the Petition of John Darling and others, to be set off from the town of Sutton, and annexed to the town of Douglas; also, the Remonstrances against said Petition, reported,

That the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Also, Mr. Orcutt, from the same committee, on the Petition of Salmon Burden and others, of Sutton, praying to be set off from the town of Sutton, and annexed to the town of Northbridge, reported,

That the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. Hills, from the Committee on Claims, on the Petition of the Selectmen of Spencer, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. Robinson, from the Committee on Railways and Canals, on the Order of Mr. Hinds, of Boston, of the twenty-third of January, relative to Railroad Commissioners; also,

On the Senate Order relative to the same subject, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Severally accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Manufactures, on the Preamble and Joint Resolution relating to Woodworth's Planing Machine, reported,

That the same ought to pass, with an amendment.

The Report was accepted, and the same, as amended, was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, and was sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Claims, on the Petition of William F. Veazie, reported

A Resolve on the Petition of William F. Veazie.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Petition of Nathan Tufts, Jr., reported

A Resolve in favor of Nathan Tufts, Jr. Also,

On the Petition of A. Hammond and E. R. Sawyer, reported

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Mr. Temple, from the Committee on Education, on the Petition of N. Tillinghast, reported

A Resolve in favor of the Widow and Child of Nicholas Tillinghast, late Principal of the Normal School at Bridgewater.

Mr. Reed, from the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the Petition of Mary M. Watson, reported

A Bill to incorporate the Ladies' Howard Society, of Nantucket. Also,

On the Petition of Caroline Withington and others, of Newbury, reported

A Bill to incorporate the Ladies' Benevolent Society, of Newbury.

Mr. Walker, from the same committee, on the Petition of James Ritchie and others, reported

A "Bill to incorporate the Children's Home, and Home for Aged Females, in Roxbury."

Mr. Thayer, from the same committee, on the Petition of Samuel Gregg and others, reported

A "Bill to incorporate the Massachusetts Homœopathic Medical Society."

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Robinson, of Newburyport, of March sixth, reported

A "Bill to provide for the Election of the Clerks of Police Courts."

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, "Bill to authorize the Hampshire and Hampden Railroad Corporation to extend their Railroad," was discharged from the Orders of the Day. The same gentleman then asked leave of the House to introduce the Bill, which was granted, and the Bill was, under a suspension of the Rules, read, ordered to a second reading, and restored to its place in the Orders of the Day.

The Engrossed Bills,

"In relation to the Assessment of Taxes in the City of Lynn, in the years one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three and one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four,"

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

"To incorporate the American Hotel Company in the North Village, in Adams,"

“Establishing a new Boundary Line between Salem and South Danvers,”

(Which severally originated in the Senate,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Resolves,

“Concerning a Breakwater at Cape May,”

(Which originated in the Senate,)

“In favor of the Town of Southbridge,”

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Dyer, of Boston, the Resolves concerning the Journals and Papers of the House, were discharged from the Orders of the Day, read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of the Trustees of Williston Seminary, for authority to hold additional property for the purposes of their charter, was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

The Reports, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of Charles Leighton and others, for incorporation as an Insurance Company ;

On the Petition of J. H. Robinson and others, of Marblehead, for a charter for an Insurance Company, and

"Reference to the next Legislature," on the Petition of Samuel B. King and others, concerning Taunton River,

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Worcester Peat Company, was read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Upton, of Adams, Bill in relation to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company, was taken from the table and placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and Bill, "In addition to an Act concerning Agricultural Societies which receive the Bounty of the State," was read a third time, amended, on motion of Mr. Thatcher, of Lee, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill, "In addition to an Act to authorize Towns to take Land for School-houses, passed May first, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight," was read a second time, and recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Subsequently, the vote was reconsidered, and the Bill was ordered to a third reading.

Bills,

“In relation to the payment of Witnesses in Criminal Actions,”

“In addition to an Act for supplying the City of Worcester with Pure Water,”

“To authorize the Enclosure of certain Common Lands in Reading,”

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Bill, “To protect Boston Harbor,” was read a second time, and recommitted to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The Resolve concerning the Attorney-General's Office, was read a third time, amended, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bills, “Authorizing the Release of Dower in behalf of Married Women who are Insane,”

“In favor of the State Industrial School for Girls,”

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of Elizur Wright, relative to Life Insurance, was next taken up, the question being on the substitute offered by Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, viz.: "Bill concerning Returns from Life Insurance Companies," and the vote having been taken, the substitute was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 1856.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Thayer, of Boston, presented the Remonstrance of J. R. Bigelow and Company and others, of Boston, against granting a charter to the Springfield and Farmington Valley Railroad.

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Fenno, of North Chelsea,

Ordered, That on and after Monday next, and otherwise ordered, this House hold two sessions per week, said sessions to commence at ten o'clock, A. M., and at three o'clock, P. M., respectively, with the exception of Saturday, when but one session shall be held, commencing at ten o'clock, A. M.

The Order of Mr. Robinson, of Lexington, relative to the final adjournment of the Legislature, was laid on the table.

Mr. Sever, from the Committee on Finance, reported the Order of Mr. Slade, of Fall River, of the twentieth

March, relative to the Stereotype Plates of the Massachusetts Records, presented a Report, which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fletcher, from the Joint Special Committee, on the Petition of Ambrose Lawrence and others, of the city of Lowell, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Laid on the table, and one thousand extra copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Temple, from the Committee on Roads and Bridges, on the Order of the Senate, relative to sidewalks, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon. Also,

On the Senate Order, relative to amending chapter two hundred and fifty-three of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Mr. Homer, from the same committee, on the Order of Mr. Emerson, of Boston, of January thirty-one, relative to the Commissioners on Charles River and Warren Bridges, reported,

That it is unnecessary to continue said office.

Mr. Gray, from the Committee on Roads and Bridges, on the Report of the former Agent of Charles River and Warren Bridges, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Mr. Temple, from the same committee, on the Petition of John Baylies, for a modification of the fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth sections of the thirty-ninth chapter of the Revised Statutes, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon. Also,

On the Petition of T. T. Sawyer, Mayor of Charlestown, for a reduction of the Fund to be raised for Charles River and Warren Bridges, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon. Also,

On the Statement of the Payments to Commissioners on Charles River and Warren Bridges, reported,

That no legislation is necessary thereon.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee on Fisheries, on the Petition of the Selectmen of the town of Swanzey, for an Alteration of Time to the Fishing Privilege in Palmer's River, reported,

That the Petition be referred to the next Legislature.
Also,

On the Order of Mr. Murdock, of Wareham, of March seventh, relative to protecting fish, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Mr. Nickerson, from the same committee, on the Petition of Salathiel H. Perry and others, for leave to bed oysters near the head of Buzzards' Bay, in Back River, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Agriculture, on the Order of Mr. Smith, of Chicopee, of April seventeenth, relative to pasturing cattle and horses on highways, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon, Also,

On the Petition of John C. Bartlett and others, of Chelmsford, and sundry Petitions in aid, relative to the measurement of milk, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. West, from the Committee on Prisons, on the Petition of the Deputy Warden and Clerk of the Massachusetts State Prison, for increase of salary, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Claims, on the Petition of George Everett, for indemnification for costs incurred in the discharge of his official duties, reported,

That the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Mr. Hills, from the same committee, on the Petition of Ivory H. Lucas and Edwin Maybury, for payment of surgical and medical attendance upon Margaret Peters, one of the Chappequidick Indians, reported,

That said petition be referred to the State Auditor.

Mr. Edwards, from the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the Order of Mr. Johnson, of Lowell, of the twenty-fourth instant, relative to Navigation, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Petition of Augustus Kinsman and others, to be incorporated as the Orpheus Singing Society, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Severally accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Codman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, of January twenty-fifth, relative to the Reports of the Decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court, reported,

That legislation is inexpedient thereon.

Accepted.

Mr. Homer, from the Committee on Roads and Bridges, on the Bill, "Relating to County and Town Roads," reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Senate Bill "Concerning Idle and Disorderly Persons," reported,

That the same ought to pass, with an amendment.

Report placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Taft, from the Committee on Railways and Canals,

on the Bill, "In aid of the Lebanon Springs Aqueduct Company," reported

The same in a new draft, with amendments.

Mr. Mayo, from the Committee on Roads and Bridges, on the Petition of Daniel B. Eddy and others, reported

A Bill, "To authorize the County Commissioners of the County of Bristol to lay out a Road, and construct a Bridge in Somerset."

Mr. Temple, from the same committee, on the Petition of the Selectmen of Wellfleet, reported

A Bill, "To authorize the Selectmen of Wellfleet to build a Bridge."

Mr. Mayo, from the same committee, on the Petition of Charles T. Dodge and others, reported

A Bill, "To authorize the County Commissioners of Essex to lay out a Road and construct a Bridge over Bass River."

Mr. Strickland, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, on the Bill, "In relation to Certain Proceedings in the Probate Courts," reported

The same in a new draft.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee on Fisheries, on the Petition of Benjamin Brown and others, of Sandwich and Wareham, reported

A Bill, "For the preservation of Fish in Buzzards' Bay, within the towns of Sandwich and Wareham."

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Claims, on the Petition of William Goday, of Rockport, reported

A Resolve in favor of William Goday.

Mr. Jacobs, from the Committee on Fisheries, on the Order of Mr. Estes, of Ipswich, of March first, relative to fisheries in Ipswich River, reported

A Bill, "In addition to an Act to protect the Fishery in Ipswich River," approved February thirteen, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

Mr. Edwards, from the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the Petition of Patrick McGlew, reported

A Bill "To incorporate the Independent Benevolent Society in Newburyport."

Mr. Temple, from the Committee on Roads and Bridges, on the Petition of Benjamin Allstrum, reported

A Bill "In addition to an Act authorizing the County Commissioners of the County of Barnstable to lay out a Highway and construct a Bridge over East Harbor."

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of George A. Fairbanks and others, came down from the Senate, concurred, and Messrs. Lewis and Bates were joined as said Committee.

The Resolve, "Providing for the Pay of the Council, Senate and House of Representatives," came down from the Senate, with the endorsement that the Senate insist.

Mr. Emerson, of Boston, moved that the House recede and concur; pending which, on motion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, the Resolve was laid on the table.

Bills, "In addition to an Act in relation to Law Library Associations,"

"To repeal chapter two hundred and eighty-three of the Statutes of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three,"

Were severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Bills,

"To incorporate the Revere Insurance Company,"

“In addition to an Act to incorporate the S. P. Rugles Power Press Manufacturing Company,”

“In addition to an Act to incorporate the Cutting Machine Manufacturing Company,”

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Lamb moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Bill “Authorizing the Release of Dower in behalf of Married Women who are Insane,” was passed to be engrossed. Under a suspension of the Rule, the motion was carried, and the Bill amended, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The following Engrossed Bills, viz. :—

“Concerning the Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace,”

“Concerning the Election of Civil Officers,”

“To incorporate the Proprietors of Oak Grove Cemetery,”

“To change the Name of the Female Education Society, to New England Female Medical College, and to reorganize the same,”

“To legalize the Assessment of Taxes in the town of Stoughton for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four,”

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three of the Resolves of eighteen hundred and f

(Which severally originated in the Senate,)

Were severally passed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Emerson, of Boston, the Report of the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the Lunatic Hospital, at Northampton, was taken from the table. Mr. Austin, of Boston, moved to specially assign the same for consideration on Thursday, May eighth, at eleven o'clock, A. M., pending which,

The Special Assignment was taken up, viz.: Bill "To incorporate the Springfield and Farmington Valley Railroad Company." The Bill was read a second time, and pending the question of ordering the same to a third reading,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

On motion of Mr. Oliver, of South Reading, Bill, "In addition to an Act concerning Beaches in the Town of North Chelsea," was taken from the table, and placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield, Bill, "To protect the Rights and Liberties of the people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," was taken from the table, and specially assigned for consideration on Thursday, May eighth, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston, the Report of the Committee on expense of suspending work upon the Lunatic Hospital at Northampton, was taken from the table, and specially assigned for consideration on Wednesday, May seventh, at eleven o'clock, A. M.; also,

On motion of the same gentleman, the Report of the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, relative to the Lunatic Hospital in Northampton, was discharged

from the Orders of the Day, and specially assigned for consideration on Wednesday next, at twelve o'clock, M.

Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield, on leave, introduced a Bill, "In relation to the Trustee Process," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Mixter, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the Report of the Pilot Commissioners of January first, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, reported,

That no legislation is necessary upon the subject ; also,

On the Order of Mr. Howes, of Dennis, of the eighth of January, relative to Pilotage ; also,

On the Order of the same gentleman, of February nineteenth, relating to Pilots and Pilot Commissioners, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Mr. Baker, from the Committee on Education, on the Order of Mr. Smith, of Chicopee, of February twenty-fifth, relative to Truant Children, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon. Also,

On the Petition of T. F. Caldicott, Henry Chapin and

S. E. Sewall, for an appropriation for the Ladies' Collegiate Institute, and sundry Petitions in aid, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Severally accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Petition of Daniel Cogswell and others, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. Lamb, from the same committee, on the Order of Mr. Johnson, of Lowell, of March nineteenth, relative to the Assessment of Taxes, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Order of Mr. Warner, of Belchertown, of February ninth, relative to the Election of Town Officers, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon. Also,

On the Order of Mr. Crossman, of Springfield, of March nineteenth, relative to Mortgaged Real Estate, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon. Also,

On the Order of Mr. Deane, of Coleraine, of January twenty-third, relative to the four hundred and sixty-sixth chapter of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Severally accepted.

Mr. Ritchie, from the Committee on Railways and Canals, upon the Memorial of the Danvers Railroad Company, concerning the Boston and Maine Railroad Company, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. Murdock, from the same committee, on the same subject, presented a Minority Report, concluding with a Bill, "Concerning the Danvers Railroad Company and the Boston and Maine Railroad."

Severally laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. C. Hale, from the Committee of Conference, on the subject matter of difference between the two Houses, on the Bill to Divide the Commonwealth into Districts for the choice of Councillors, reported

The Bill in a new draft.

Mr. Littlefield, from the same committee, presented a Minority Report on the same subject.

Mr. Reed, from the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the Bill to establish a Board of Directors of Public Institutions for the City of Boston and the County of Suffolk, reported,

That the same be referred to the next General Court.

Mr. Temple, from the Committee on Roads and Bridges, on the Bill concerning Draw-bridges, reported,

That the Bill ought to pass, with certain amendments.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Story, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Bill in relation to the Assessment of, and Collection of Taxes, reported,

That the same ought to pass.

The Bill was ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Mixter, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the Bill, "Establishing a Harbor-Master for the Ports of Boston and Charlestown," reported

The same in a new draft.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Order of Mr. Fessenden, of West Cambridge, of February fifth, relative to obtaining property by false pretences, reported

A Bill, "Relating to the obtaining of Property by False Pretences."

Mr. Austin, from the same committee, on the Petition of the Liberty Hall Association of New Bedford, reported

A Bill, "To authorize the Directors of the Liberty Hall Association to purchase and hold additional Real Estate."

Mr. Whiton, from the same committee, on the Petition of Asaph Dunbar and others, reported

A Bill, "To incorporate the Abington Mutual Fire Insurance Company."

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Petition of Caleb Stetson and others, reported

A Bill, "To incorporate the Boston Inland Mutual Insurance Company."

Mr. Mixter, from the same committee, on the Petition of Benjamin H. Breitt and Barnabas S. Young, reported

A Bill, "To authorize Benjamin H. Breitt and Barnabas S. Young to build a Wharf."

Mr. Taft, from the Committee on Manufactures, on the Petition of the Worcester County Mechanics' Association, reported

A Bill, "In addition to an Act to incorporate the Worcester County Mechanics' Association."

Mr. Temple, from the Committee on Roads and Bridges, on the Petition of A. W. Smith, reported

A Bill "To authorize the County Commissioners of Essex County to lay out and construct a Highway in the town of Manchester."

Mr. Temple, from the Committee on Education, on so much of the Governor's Address as relates to the subject of Education, reported

Resolves concerning the State Normal School-houses at Bridgewater, Westfield, Framingham and Salem.

Mr. Ritchie, from the Committee on Railways and Canals, on the Senate Order relating to railway trains; also,

On the Order of Mr. Robinson, of Charlestown, of January eighteenth, relative to railroad crossings, reported

A Bill, "In addition to an Act to secure the safety of Passengers at Railroad Crossings."

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Agriculture, on the Order of Mr. J. W. Rogers, of Boston, of April fourth, relative to the adulteration of Milk sold in this Commonwealth, reported

A Bill, "To prevent Fraud by the Adulteration of Milk in this Commonwealth."

Mr. Strickland, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, on the Petition of Augustus Wheeler, and Lucy Wheeler, reported

A Resolve on the Petition of Augustus Wheeler, and Lucy Wheeler, his wife.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Report of the Commissioners to examine the Title of certain Lands in the town of Tisbury, reported

A Bill, "To confirm the Title of certain Lands in the Town of Tisbury to Jemima Easton and her heirs, and other Indians of Deep Bottom. Also,

On the Report of the Commissioners appointed to determine the Boundary Line between the Gay Head Indians and the town of Chilmark, reported

A Bill "To establish and confirm the Boundary Line

between the town of Chilmark and the Indians of Gay Head ; also,

A Resolve “ In favor of the Gay Head Indians.”

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Story, of Somerville, on leave, introduced a Bill “To incorporate the Boston and North Cambridge Omnibus Company,” which, under a suspension of the Rules, was read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Vose, from the Committee on Public Buildings, presented a Report, concluding with a Resolve for Repairs and Alteration upon the State House, which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, That the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies be authorized and empowered to issue an Order of Notice on the Petition of the First Congregational Society in West Cambridge, for an Act authorizing them to enclose Parish Lands, and make certain other changes in the same.

The Report leave to withdraw on the Petitions of

The Webster Bank, of Boston,

The Eagle Bank, of Boston,
The Columbian Bank, of Boston,
The Bank of North America, of Boston,
The Tremont Bank, of Boston,
The North Bank, of Boston,
The Faneuil Hall Bank, of Boston,
The Taunton Bank, of Taunton,
The Adams Bank, of Adams,
The Pittsfield Bank, of Pittsfield,
The Chicopee Bank, of Chicopee,
The Pynchon Bank, of Springfield,
The Housatonic Bank, of Stockbridge,
The Conway Bank, of Conway,
The Miller's River Bank, of Athol,
The City Bank, of Worcester,
The Millbury Bank, of Millbury,
The Woburn Bank, of Woburn,
The Dedham Bank, of Dedham,
The Wollaston Bank, of Quincy,
The Quincy Stone Bank, of Quincy,
The Bedford Commercial Bank,
The Marine Bank, of New Bedford,
The Mechanics' Bank, of New Bedford,
The Merchant's Bank, of New Bedford,
The Wrentham Bank, of Wrentham,
The Brighton Market Bank, of Brighton,
Severally for increase of capital stock; and

The Petitions of

John R. Buckley and others, for the incorporation of the Williams Bank, in Williamstown,

George W. Lee, and others, for charter of Pentucket Bank, in Haverhill,

S. Angier Chase and others, for charter of the Wamsetta Bank, in Fall River, .

The Inhabitants of West Roxbury, for charter of Citizens' Bank, of West Roxbury,

Carver Hotchkiss and others, for charter of the Shelburne Falls Bank,

Were placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Reports, "Reference to the next Legislature," on the Petition of Benjamin Shurtliff and others, of North Chelsea, for annexation to the city of Boston,

Of John Curtis and others, for leave to extend their Wharf, .

Of Solomon Piper, that he may extend his wharf in Sea Street,

Of Tisdale Drake, that he may extend his wharf in Sea Street,

On an Order of Mr. Devereux, of Salem, of January fourteenth, in relation to the bridges and viaducts of Railways, and

The Reports, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of the Old Colony Railroad Company,

On the Petition of Darius Littlefield and others, of Stoughton and Randolph,

On the Petition of the Fort Hill Corporation,

On the Petition of A. H. Fillebrown and others, of Waltham,

On the Petition of George Hill, City Crier of Boston, and

The Reports, "inexpedient to legislate," on the Senate Order relative to removing insane paupers from Boston Lunatic Hospital,

On the Order of Mr. Pike, of Newton, of April sixteenth, relative to Directors of Railroads,

On the Order of Mr. Oliver, of South Reading, of January eighteenth, relative to enlarging the power of County Commissioners,

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Reports, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of the Malden and Melrose Gas Light Company,

On the Petition of Samuel C. Parsons, Agent for the town of Sandisfield,

Were severally placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Bills,

"To incorporate the West Roxbury Railroad Company,"

"Concerning Insurance Companies,"

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The Special Assignment was then taken up, viz.:—
Resolve, providing for an Amendment to the Constitution, relative to Districting the State for the choice of Senators to the General Court.

On motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston, the further consideration of the same was specially assigned for to-morrow, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House refused the Bill, "To change the location of the John Hancock Bank" a third reading, was, on motion of Mr. Phelps, of Springfield, placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Bill, "To incorporate the Springfield and Farmington Valley Railroad Company," was ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Tidd, of Stoneham,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Morrisy, of Nantucket, presented the Memorial of Samuel H. Jenks, late State Insurance Actuary, which was referred to a Joint Special Committee, consisting of

Messrs. Dyer, of Boston,

Bates, of Southampton,

Hills, of Cambridge,

Smith, of Roxbury, and

Clifford, of Lowell,

on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield, rose to a Question of Privilege, touching certain charges made in the debate of yesterday, of bribery, on the part of the opponents of the Bill, "To incorporate the Springfield and Farmington Valley Railroad," and also read a letter to the House relative to the same subject.

On motion of the same gentleman, the subject was

referred to a Special Committee, with powers to send for persons and papers. The Speaker took time to appoint.

On motion of Mr. Lamb, of Greenfield, Bill, "In relation to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad," was discharged from the Orders of the Day, and specially assigned for consideration on Tuesday, May thirteenth, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Mr. Mayo, of Boston, the Report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges on Bill, "Concerning Draw-bridges,"

Was discharged from the Orders of the Day, and re-committed to said committee.

On motion of Mr. Brayton, of Fall River, Bill, "To authorize the County Commissioners of the County of Bristol to borrow Money, either to repair or to build a House of Correction,"

Was taken from the table, and placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Austin, of Boston, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Report, inexpedient to legislate, on the Order of Mr. Howes, of Dennis, of the eighth of Jan-

uary, relative to Pilotage; also on the Order of the same gentleman, of February nineteenth, relating to Pilots and Pilot Commissioners was accepted. The motion was placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Gilbert, of New Bedford,

Ordered, That the Committee on Railways and Canals consider the expediency of recommending Waterbury and Atwood's Railroad Car Ventilator, in this Commonwealth.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Littlefield, from the Committee on Education, on the Order of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, reported

A Resolve concerning Lippincott's Pronouncing Gazetteer.

Read, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lamb, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Gilbert, of New Bedford, of February twenty-seventh, relative to the Limitation of Actions, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Mr. Story, from the same committee, on the Petition

of Thomas N. Chase and others, relative to Poll Taxes, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Severally accepted.

Mr. Stoddard, from the same committee, on the Senate Bill concerning the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation, reported,

That the same ought to pass.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Bill in addition to an Act in relation to Law Library Associations, reported,

That the same ought to pass. Also,

On the Senate Bill, "To repeal chapter two hundred and eighty-three of the Statutes of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three," reported,

That the same ought to pass.

The Bills were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Stoddard, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Petition of Chickering and Sons and others, for

a law making the sale of leased personal property by the lessee of the same a penal offence, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order relative to the appointment of Commissioners to take acknowledgment of Deeds and other Contracts and Depositions in foreign countries, reported

A Bill, "To authorize the Governor to appoint Commissioners of Deeds in Foreign Countries."

Mr. Parsons, from the Committee on Agriculture, on the Order of Mr. Parsons, of Northampton, of March fourteenth, concerning the irrigation of land for agricultural purposes, reported

A Bill, "Concerning the Irrigation of Land for Agricultural Purposes."

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, on leave, introduced a Resolve, "Concerning the pay of the Messengers and Pages of the two branches of the Legislature," which, under a suspension of the Rule, was read three times, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill, "Relative to the Election of School Committees," was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

An Order of Notice was issued, in concurrence, on the Bill, "Relative to the First Congregational Society, in West Cambridge."

The Reports, "inexpedient to legislate," on an Order relative to modifying or repealing chapter one hundred and fifty-three of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three ;

On an Order relative to 'Taxation for School Purposes, and

The Report, "reference to the next Legislature," on the Petition of Otis Holmes and others, for a bridge at Holyoke, and

The Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of R. W. Swan and others,

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of the Grocers' Bank, was read, the question being on the acceptance of the same, pending which, Mr. Mixter, of

Hardwick, offered as a substitute, a Bill, "In relation to the Grocers' Bank, of Boston," which was adopted. The Bill was read, and ordered to a second reading.

The Report of the Joint Special Committee, concerning the communication of his Excellency the Governor, of February seventh, covering the communication of Messrs. J. H. Lane, Charles Robinson, and G. W. Deitzler, relative to the Territory of Kansas; also,

On the Resolutions of the Legislature of Vermont, relative to the same subject, was accepted, in concurrence,

Bills,

"To incorporate the Nantucket Propeller Company,"

"Concerning Grants in Boston Harbor,"

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bill, "To incorporate the Town of Belmont," was read, and referred to the Committee on Towns.

Bill, "To enable parties in Civil Actions to be Witnesses therein," came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, which was adopted, in concurrence.

The Engrossed Bills,

“To incorporate the Eastern Hampden Agricultural Society,”

“In addition to an Act to establish a Fire Department in the Town of Lynn,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Resolves,

Concerning the pay of the Messengers and Pages of the two Branches of the Legislature,

On the Petition of Sherburn F. Morey,

In favor of George Lane, a Constable of the town of Gloucester,

On the Petition of Henry Dennis, of Rockport,

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed, and sent to the Senate.

The Special Assignment was then taken up, viz.: Resolve providing for an Amendment to the Constitution

for Districting the State for the choice of Senators to the General Court. The Resolve was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House refused the Bill to change the location of the John Hancock Bank, a third reading, was carried. The question then recurred on ordering the Bill to a third reading, and the vote having been taken, the Bill was again refused a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, it was ordered, that in the consideration of the Orders of the Day, the undebatable matter should be first considered.

Bills, "To authorize David Low to extend the Wharf belonging to the Heirs of George Parkhurst, deceased,"

"To authorize Joseph Friend, Frederick Norwood and Samuel K. Friend, to extend their Wharf,"

"To incorporate the South Reading Hotel,"

"To incorporate the Farm Pond Fishing Company, in Edgartown,"

"To authorize the Bristol County Savings Bank to hold Real Estate,"

“To incorporate the Children’s Home, and Home for Aged Females, in Roxbury,”

“To incorporate the Ladies’ Benevolent Society, of Newbury,”

“To incorporate the Ladies’ Howard Society, of Nantucket,”

“To incorporate the Worcester Peat Company,”

“In addition to an Act to incorporate the Worcester County Mechanics’ Association,” and

The Resolve, “On the Petition of Charlotte A. Woods, Guardian,”

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve, “On the Petition of Jonathan Freeland, to sell Real Estate,”

Was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bills,

“Concerning the Boston and Lowell and Salem and Lowell Railroad Companies,”

“ In addition to an Act relating to the Annual Reports of Railroad Corporations,”

“ To extend the time for the construction of a Branch Railroad into the city of Boston, by the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation,”

“ Authorizing the County Commissioners of Plymouth to lay out a Highway and construct a Bridge across the Weweantitt River,”

Were severally read a third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Report, “ leave to withdraw,” on the Petition of Abraham Chase and others, was accepted, in concurrence.

The Report, “ reference to the next Legislature,” on the Bill, “ To establish a Board of Directors of Public Institutions for the City of Boston and the County of Suffolk,” was accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill, “ To incorporate the West Roxbury Railroad Company,” was read a second time, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading; pending which, the Orders of the Day were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Codman, of Boston, the doors of

the House were closed, and the Roll was called, and one hundred and forty-six members answered to their names.

The doors were then opened, and the House again proceeded to the consideration of the Orders of the Day, and the Bill "To incorporate the West Roxbury Railroad Company," was ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Hero, of Milford, presented the Petition of Alexander Scammell and others, for increase of salary of the Standing Justice of the Police Court in the town of Milford.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Codman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Beal, of Boston, relative to the election of United States Senators, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Accepted.

Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the subject involved in the same gentleman's Question of Privilege, was yesterday referred to a Special Committee; and, under a suspension of the Rule, the motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Russell, of Worcester, the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Codman, of Boston, under a suspension of the Rule, the vote whereby the House concurred in the Senate amendment to the Bill to enable parties in civil actions to be witnesses therein, was reconsidered. The Bill was then committed to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Stone, of Charlestown, the Final Report of the Commissioners on Charles River and Warren Bridges, was taken from the table, and referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Papers from the Senate.

The Report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges, on the Report of the Agent of the Charles River and Warren Bridges, and

The Report of the Committee on Prisons on the Report of the Committee on Prisons of eighteen hundred and fifty-five, and

The Reports, reference to the next Legislature, on the Petitions of

Lyman Whitman and others,
Charles Smith and others, and

The Reports, "leave to withdraw," on the Petitions of William Foster and others, and John Betrane and others, and

The Report, "inexpedient to legislate," on the Order of Mr. Temple, of Framingham, of January nineteen, relative to the duties of Prudential Committees,

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House accepted the Report, "inexpedient to legislate," on the Order of Mr. Howes, of Dennis, of the eighth of January, relative to Pilotage; also, on the Order of the same gentleman, of February nineteen, relating to Pilots and Pilot Commissioners, was carried, and the Report was placed in the Orders of the Day.

Bill, "Concerning Returns from Life Insurance Companies," was indefinitely postponed.

Bill, "In addition to an Act concerning Beaches in the town of North Chelsea," was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Bill, "To exempt from levy on execution the Homestead of a Householder," was read a second time, amended, and ordered to a third reading.

Bill, "In relation to Brakemen on Railways," was read a second time, and indefinitely postponed.

Resolves, "In relation to Accounts against the Commonwealth," was read a second time, amended, and ordered to a third reading.

Bill, "To authorize the Hampshire and Hampden Railroad Corporation to extend their Railroad," was read a second time, amended, and ordered to a third reading.

Bill, "To incorporate the Globe Insurance Company, of Boston," was read a second time, amended, and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Codman, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of Saturday was read.

Mr. Barney, of Nantucket, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Report, "Reference to the next Legislature," on the Petition of Charles Smith and others, was accepted.

Placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Codman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Bill, "To enable parties in Civil Actions to be Witnesses therein," with the Senate amendment thereto, reported,

That the said amendment ought not to be adopted.

Mr. Orcutt, from the Committee on Towns, on the Bill, "To incorporate the Town of Belmont," reported,

That the same ought not to pass.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Story, of Somerville, on leave, introduced a Bill,
"For the better protection of the Public on Highways,

Townways, and Travelled Places," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston, Bill, "In addition to several Acts for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, and the more equal distribution of their effects," was discharged from the Orders of the Day, and specially assigned for Friday next, at eleven o'clock.

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Papers from the Senate.

Bills,

"To set off Clement's Island from the Town of Haverhill, and annex the same to the Town of Bradford,"

"In relation to the Cape Cod Branch Railroad Company,"

"In relation to the town lines between the towns of South Scituate and Hanover,"

"For the better protection of the Public at Railroad Crossings,"

"Authorizing the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company to change location,"

"Concerning the Fitchburg Railroad Company," and

Resolves, "In relation to Lands in the Back Bay,"

Were severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Bill, "Relating to the Organization of Corporations for Educational, Charitable or Religious Purposes," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Orders of the Day were taken up.

Bill, "To prevent Frauds in the Measurement of Wood," was read a second time, and recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture.

Bill, "To incorporate the Homœopathic Medical Dispensary," was read a second time, amended, and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve, "Providing for the pay of the Council, Senate and House of Representatives," was passed over.

The Resolve, "In favor of the State Prison," was amended, and ordered to a third reading.

Bill, "To incorporate the Trustees of the Funds of Trinity Church, in Bridgewater," was read a third time, amended, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Resolves, "In favor of the Boston Board of Trade," were read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Resolve, "On the Petition of James H. Patillo and others," was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill, "In relation to Stationary Steam-Engines," was read a second time.

Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, moved an amendment to the same, pending which,

The House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. J. W. Rogers, of Boston, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Bill, "To incorporate the Globe Insurance Company, of Boston," which motion was placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Lewis, of Lynn, offered the following Order, which was laid over, under the Rule:—

Ordered, That on and after May sixth, the hour of meeting for the afternoon session shall be at two o'clock, P. M., and that that shall be the hour of meeting until otherwise ordered.

The Engrossed Bills,

"Concerning the Boston and Lowell, and Salem and Lowell Railroad Companies,"

"To authorize the County Commissioners of Plymouth to lay out a Highway and construct a Bridge over the Weweantitt River,"

(Which originated in the Senate,)

Was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Resolves,

“ Relating to Woodworth’s Planing Machine,”

(Which originated in the Senate,)

Was passed and sent to the Senate.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the Bill, “ In relation to Stationary Steam-Engines,” was taken up, the question being on the amendment offered by Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, which was adopted, as amended. The Bill was further amended, and as amended, ordered to a third reading.

The Orders of the Day were then laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hall, of Cambridge,

Ordered, That the Joint Special Committee on the Petition of George O. Fairbanks and others, be, and they hereby are, authorized to cause an examination of the liquors therein referred to, to be made, and that they have power to send for persons and papers.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up.

Bill, “ Concerning State Paupers,” was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Senate Amendment to Bill "Concerning the Election of Clerks of Courts, and other County Officers," was adopted, in concurrence.

Bill, "In addition to an Act concerning Judges of Probate," was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Bill, "In addition to an Act to incorporate the Proprietors of the City Hotel, at Worcester," was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill, "To enlarge the Jurisdiction of the Superior Court of the County of Suffolk, and the Court of Common Pleas," was read a third time, amended, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill, "To exempt Certain Articles from Attachment and Execution," was read a third time, amended, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Orders of the Day were laid on the table.

Mr. Hall, of Cambridge, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the subject involved in the Question of Privilege of Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield, was indefinitely postponed.

Placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Sever, of Boston, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Bill, "Concerning State Paupers," was passed to be engrossed, and, under a suspension of the Rules, the reconsideration was carried. The Bill was amended, and again passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Order of Mr. Lewis, of Lynn, relative to the hour of meeting, was taken up and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston,

Ordered, That this House adjourn at one o'clock to-day, to meet at ten o'clock to-morrow.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Order of Mr. Robinson, of Charlestown, of January fifteen, relative to City and Town Clerks, reported

An Act, "In relation to the Returns of Votes."

Read, and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Potter, of Dartmouth, Resolve, "Providing for the pay of the Council, Senate and House of Representatives," was taken from the table, the question being on the motion of Mr. Emerson, of Boston, to recede, and concur with the Senate in their amendments, which motion was withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Potter, of Dartmouth, the House insisted on its non-concurrence, and asked for a Committee of Conference, and the Speaker took time to appoint.

Mr. Walker, on leave, introduced a Bill, "Concerning the laying out of Ways across Railroads," which was read, and referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Sever, of Boston, the Report of the Committee on Finance, relative to the Massachusetts Records and the Stereotype Plates of the same, was discharged from the Orders of the Day, and accepted. Subsequently, the same gentleman moved a reconsideration of the vote, which motion was placed in the Orders of the Day.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter ninety-four of the Acts of eighteen hundred and forty-six.

The Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of Daniel Craig, to extend his wharf, was accepted, in concurrence.

Bill, "Concerning Savings Banks," was read, and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Bill, "Confirming the union of the Charles River Railroad Company and the New York and Boston Railroad Company, and extending the time for locating and constructing the same," was read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Emerson, of Boston, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Bill, "To exempt Certain Articles from Attachment and Execution," was passed to be engrossed. The motion was placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Bill, "To incorporate the Globe Insurance Company, of Boston," was ordered to a third reading, was carried, and the Bill was recommitted to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Report, "Reference to the next Legislature," on the Petition of

Charles Smith and others, was accepted, was carried, and the Report was laid on the table.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the subject involved in the Question of Privilege, raised by Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield, was indefinitely postponed, was indefinitely postponed.

Bill, "To provide for the Election of Clerks of Police Courts," and

Resolves,

"On the Petitions of A. Hammond and E. R. Sawyer,"

"In favor of Nathan Tufts, Jr.,"

"In favor of William Veazie,"

Were severally passed over.

Bill, "To incorporate the Massachusetts Homœopathic Medical Society," was read a second time, amended, and ordered to a third reading.

Resolve, "In favor of the widow and child of Nicholas Tillinghast, late Principal of the Normal School at Bridgewater," was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Bills, "In addition to an Act to authorize towns to

take Land for School-Houses," passed May one, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight,

"In relation to the payment of Witnesses in Criminal Actions,"

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill, "To authorize the enclosure of certain Common Lands in Reading," was read a third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill, "In addition to an Act for supplying the City of Worcester with pure Water," was read a third time, amended, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill, "Relating to Savings Banks and Institutions for Savings," was read a second time, and pending the question on the indefinite postponement of the whole subject,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Smith, of West Roxbury, presented the Petition of the Commissioners of Forest Hill Cemetery, to be exempt from taxation.

Referred to the Committee on Probate and Chancery.

Mr. Strickland, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, on the Petition of Thomas Bradley, reported

A Bill, "In addition to an Act concerning Probate Courts in the County of Dukes."

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, of April twenty-sixth, relative to Shade Trees, reported

A Bill, "Concerning the Planting of Shade Trees."

Mr. Thayer, from the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the Report of the Trustees of the State Reform School for Boys, at Westboro', reported

A Resolve, "Concerning the State Reform School for Boys, at Westboro'."

Mr. Dyer, from the Special Committee on the Memorial of Samuel H. Jenks, reported

A Resolve, "In favor of Samuel H. Jenks."

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Under a suspension of the Rules, Mr. Temple, of Rutland, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby Report, "Reference to the next Legislature," on the Petition of Lyman Whitman and others, for incorporation as the Agawam Bridge Corporation, was accepted.

Under a further suspension of the Rules, the motion was carried, and the Report was recommitted to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston, Bill, "Concerning Insurance Companies," was discharged from the Orders of the Day, and specially assigned for consideration on Wednesday next, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, of Westfield, Bill, "To authorize the Hampshire and Hampden Railroad Corporation to extend their Railroad," was discharged from the Orders of the Day, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills, "To extend the time for the Construction of the Agricultural Branch Railroad,"

"Providing for the Appointment of Commissioners on State Paupers,"

"Concerning the sale, of Onions in this Commonwealth,"

"In addition to an Act relative to Superintendents of Schools,"

"To incorporate the Phillips Wharf Company, in Salem,"

"Concerning the Essex Merrimack Bridge Corporation,"

"To incorporate the Tremont Gas Light Company,"

"Determining the Boundary Line between Danvers and South Danvers,"

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills, "In relation to Sheriffs and their Deputies,"

"Concerning Elections," and

Resolve, "On the Petition of Edward J. Cushing,"

Were severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Resolve in favor of the Industrial School for Girls, came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with certain amendments, which were adopted, in concurrence, with further amendments, and sent up for concurrence.

The Engrossed Bills,

"In addition to the Acts relating to the Annual Reports of Railroad Corporations,"

"To repeal Chapter two hundred and thirty-eight of the Acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, being an Act concerning the Assignment and Distribution of the Property of Insolvent Debtors,"

(Which severally originated in the Senate,)

"In addition to an Act to establish the District of Marshpee,"

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted and sent to the Senate.

The Resolves,

“On the Petition of Tewksbury and Caldwell,”

“On the Petition of Patrick Boise, to sell Real Estate,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed, and sent to the Senate.

A Message was received from His Excellency the Governor, by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, covering certain Resolutions from the State of Ohio, relative to Kansas affairs.

Mr. Conant, of Scituate, moved that no member be allowed to speak over fifteen minutes on any one subject, unless special leave be granted by the House; pending which, the Special Assignment for this day and hour was taken up, viz. :—

Report of the Joint Special Committee on the expense of suspending work upon the Lunatic Hospital at Northampton, the question being on the acceptance of the same. The vote having been taken, the Report was accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The hour specially assigned for the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Public Charitable Insti-

tutions, on the Lunatic Hospital in Northampton, the same was taken up.

Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, offered a Bill as a substitute for the Report, pending which,

The House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, of Charlestown, the doors of the House were closed, and the roll was called; and one hundred and six members answered to their names. The doors of the House were then opened, and

The Communication of His Excellency the Governor, and the Resolves of the State of Ohio, were read, and laid on the table.

Paper from the Senate.

Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of the Deputy-Warden and Clerk of the Massachusetts State Prison, was recommitted to the Committee on Prisons, with instructions to report a Bill for increase of Salary of the Deputy-Warden and Clerk of State Prison, in concurrence.

The Engrossed Bills, "To authorize Job T. Wilson to build a Wharf in the city of Fall River,"

"In relation to the Rights of Children, under Guardianship, to attend the Public Schools,"

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Resolves, "In aid of the State Hospitals at Rainsford Island and Taunton,"

"Authorizing the Treasurer and Receiver-General to release and quitclaim to Enos Clark, Junior, certain Lands in Northampton,"

"On the Petition of Alfred H. Porter,"

"On the Petition of William Greenleaf, to pay over certain Trust Funds,"

"On the Petition of Nathaniel Appleton and others, relative to the Salem Charitable Marine Society,"

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed and sent to the Senate.

The unfinished business of the forenoon session, viz. : Report of the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions relative to the Lunatic Hospital in Northampton, was taken up, the question being on the substitute offered by Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, pending which,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Story, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Weeks, of Lowell, of April fourth, relative to amending the four hundred and twenty-eighth chapter of the Statutes of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, reported

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon. Also,

On the Order of Mr. Foster, of Andover, of February thirteenth, relative to the distribution of property of Insolvent Corporations, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon. Also,

On the Order of Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, of May eighth, relative to the liability of Innholders as to the custody of Personal Property, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Severally accepted.

Mr. Ritchie, from the Committee on Railways and Canals, on the Petition of George Sawyer and Company,

reported a Bill, "Concerning that portion of the Fitchburg Railroad originally belonging to the Charlestown Branch Railroad Company, and concerning the rights of Owners of Lands and Wharves crossed thereby." Also,

On the Petition of the Boston and Maine Railroad Company, and the Remonstrance of W. Hazen, reported,

A Bill, "To authorize the Boston and Maine Railroad Company to relocate a portion of its road in the city of Lawrence."

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Petitions of Ephraim Brown, Reuben Nichols and others, and the Remonstrance of J. Sparhawk and others, reported,

A Bill, "In relation to a Road over River Head Beach."

Mr. Temple, from the Committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was recommitted the Bill concerning Draw Bridges, reported,

A Bill, "Concerning Charles River and Warren Bridges."

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Story, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was committed the Bill, "For the better protection

of the Public on Highways, Townways, and Travelled Places," reported,

That the same ought to pass.

The Bill was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, the Bill, "Concerning the Essex Merrimack Bridge Corporation," was discharged from the Orders of the Day, and recommitting to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of Francis Jackson and others for the removal of Judge E. G. Loring, was referred to the next General Court.

The Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston, relative to Highways, was accepted.

Severally in concurrence.

The Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, relative to their doings, was placed in the Orders of the Day.

The following Engrossed Bills, viz.:—

“In relation to Probate Courts in the County of Worcester,”

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

And “To extend the time for the construction of a Branch Railroad into the city of Boston, by the Boston and Lowell Railroad Company,”

(Which originated in the Senate,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Resolve, “In favor of the Town of Boxford,”

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Was passed and sent to the Senate.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Report of the Committee on Finance on the Massachusetts Records, and Stereotype Plates of the same, was accepted, was carried, and the Report was committed to the Committee on the Library.

The motion to reconsider the vote, whereby the Bill,

"To exempt certain articles from' attachment and execution," was passed to be engrossed, was lost.

Pursuant to assignment, the House proceeded to the consideration of the Bill, **"To protect the Rights and Liberties of the People of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."**

On motion of Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield, the whole subject was laid on the table.

A Message was received from his Excellency the Governor, by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, announcing that he had refused to sign the Bill to change the name of the Female Medical College and to reorganize the same. Also, returning the same to the House with his objections thereto.

Said Message was read, and is as follows, to wit:—

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I return, herewith, to the House of Representatives, in which branch of the Legislature it originated, a Bill entitled, **"An Act to change the name of the Female Medical Education Society to New England Female Medical College, and to reorganize the same."**

It is not necessary to make any reference to the gen-

eral designs and purposes of the Bill, as my objections are limited to that feature of it which contemplates making certain State officers, *ex officiis*, trustees of the Institution. Although this provision may not perhaps be deemed unconstitutional, in the strict sense of the term, yet if the principle involved in it becomes the policy of Massachusetts, it is obvious that onerous and extra constitutional duties will be placed upon a portion of the paid officers of the Commonwealth, which must necessarily deprive the State, to a considerable extent, of time and labor, which should properly be devoted to the performance of their respective duties.

This Bill provides that "The Lieutenant-Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Board of Education for the time being, shall be, *ex officiis*, members" of the Board of Trustees, elected from time to time, and in conjunction with them, "to make By-Laws, to appoint Professors who shall constitute a Medical Faculty, and to confer the usual degree of Doctor of Medicine."

It is a noteworthy fact that the original petition which accompanies the Bill, did not ask that any State officer

should be, *ex officio*, a member of the Board of Trustees, and that a Bill was reported which passed the Senate, not containing this objectionable feature, but that in the House a recommitment took place and this provision was incorporated.

In addition to the objection to this Bill already intimated, it is apparent that it gives the Institution a reputation and influence, from its official connection with the State, that all other incorporated bodies for kindred or analogous purposes will much desire and be not slow to seek. Either this corporation will have special favor shown it, or a multitude of others will claim their share of the attention of our State officers to the infringement on time belonging to their regular duties.

Moreover, the interests of the corporation would become, to some extent, by the passage of this Act, identified with the Commonwealth, and an anomalous and hitherto unknown sanction given it, alike injurious to the dignity of the State and to the welfare of her people. For, notwithstanding this quasi endorsement of the State, it cannot be supposed that her officers can be familiarized, by a professional training, for the proper perform-

ance of duties appertaining to a board required to select professors and confer degrees.

For the reason then that this unusual and objectionable privilege is granted, though not asked for at the outset by the petitioners,—that either it is a special privilege, given here and refused elsewhere, or if hereafter extended to similar claimants, it must occupy the time of the officers of the Commonwealth required for the performance of other duties,—that those officers cannot often be fitted by that purely professional training this trust peculiarly demands,—and that it compromises the dignity of the Commonwealth in making her, in any way or to any extent, a copartner in private enterprises of this nature, I withhold my approval from the Bill.

HENRY J. GARDNER.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, BOSTON, May 8, 1856.

Conformably to the provisions of the Constitution in such cases, the question was put to the House, "Shall this Bill become a law, the objections of the Governor to the contrary, notwithstanding?" and the Roll having been called, it appeared that there were one hundred and ten Yeas, and one hundred and fifty-nine Nays; and two-

thirds of the members present and voting thereon, not having voted in favor thereof, the Bill was lost.

The Yeas and Nays on the above were as follows:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Adams, L.

Allen, S.

Andrews

Arnold

Baker

Batchelder, G.

Batchelder, S.

Blake

Bliss

Bowker

Boyce

Child

Clapp

Cole, S.

Conant

Cooley

Crane

Crocker

Crossman

Curtis

Davis, A.

Dyer, D.

Dyer, M., Jr.

Earl

Messrs. Eastman

Estes

Evans

Faulkner

Felch

Fessenden

Flagg

Freeland

Freeman

French

Gardner

Gaston

Gay

Gordon

Gould

Goulding

Healy

Hero

Herrick

Hills

Homer

Howe

Ingraham

Jones, Jona.

Messrs. Keith, E.

Lawrence, A. L.
Leach
Littlefield
Low
Luscomb
Marble
Merriam
Miles
Milliken
Morrill
Morrisy
Murdock
Nelson
Newhall
Nickerson
Oliver
Parsons, E. T.
Parsons, S. L.
Partridge
Phelps, H., Jr.
Pollard
Pomeroy
Pool
Potter
Pratt, A., Jr.
Pratt, C. M.
Pratt, I.
Pratt, J., 2d.
Rhoades
Robbins

Messrs. Robinson, W.

Rockwood
Shepard
Slade
Smith, Hiram
Smith, J. H.
Snow
Staples
Stebbins
Stoddard
Taft, C. A.
Taft, P. W.
Tagart
Tarbell
Temple, A. H.
Tenney, G. I.
Tenney, J.
Tidd
Usher
Vinson
Waters
Weeks
Weld
Weston
Wheeler, A. B.
White, M.
White, T. S.
Whitney, H. G.
Whitney, O., Jr.
Whiton
Woodcock

Nays.

Messrs. Abercrombie

Allen, J.
Austin
Babcock
Bagley
Baldwin
Barrows
Bates
Baxter, J. A.
Beal, G., Jr.
Beal, J. H.
Belden
Blair
Blood
Bosworth
Brayton
Brewster
Briggs, E.
Briggs, H. S.
Brooks
Brown
Burrill
Burt
Calef
Case
Chamberlain
Chapin
Childs
Codman
Cole, M.

Messrs. Colton

Conley
Converse, A. L.
Converse, W. B.
Cook
Crosby
Davenport
Davis, J.
Dean
Dennie
Devereux
Dewey
Dunton
Dupee
Edwards
Emery
Endicott
Fenno
Fletcher
Floyd
Ford
Foster
Fuller
Gale
Gavitt
Gilbert
Godfrey
Goff
Goss
Gray, J.

Messrs. Hagar

Hale, C.
Hale, T. P.
Hall, S. W.
Hammond, A. B.
Hammond, E.
Handley
Hard
Harding
Hartwell
Haviland
Hawkes
Haynes
Heustis
Hicks
Hildreth
Howard
Howes
Ingalls
Jacobs
Johnson, J.
Johnson, J. P.
Johnson, W. F.
Jones, Justin
Jones, P. C.
Lamb
Lawrence, A. F.
Lewis, D. J.
Lewis, J. S.
Loring, Hollis
Lovett
Lunt

Messrs. Makepeace

Manning
Mansfield
Manson
Mayo
Meekins
Merwin
Mixer
Moore
Mudge
Nutter
Nye
Orcutt
Paine
Pearce
Phelps, S. H.
Phillips
Pike
Pitman
Poor
Porter
Putnam
Reed
Rice
Ritchie
Robinson, J.
Robinson, S. W.
Rogers, J. W.
Sawyer, J., 2d.
Sawyer, M., 2d.
Sever
Shaw

Messrs. Smith, Heman

Smith, M.

Smith, S. H. Jr.,

Smith, W.

Southworth

Sparrell

Standish

Stevens

Story, I.

Stratton

Swallow

Taggart

Taylor, C.

Temple, J. H.

Thatcher

Thacher

Thaxter

Thomas

Messrs. Thurston

Tilton

Titcomb

Torrey

Upham

Walker

Ward

Warner

Warren

Webber

Wells

Wheeler, L.

Wilcox

Wilkinson

Williams, P. S.

Worcester

York

On motion,

The House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Turner, of Brookline, presented the Petition of the Brookline Hotel Company for amendment of their Act of Incorporation.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Pollard, of Taunton,

Ordered, That the daily printing and distribution of the Journal of this House be dispensed with during the remainder of the present session, and that the Clerk be instructed to prepare the copy, and see that the same is printed and filed at the end of the session.

Mr. Conant, from the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, to whom was referred the Bill "To authorize the First Congregational Society of West Cambridge to enclose their land," reported the same in a new draft.

Read, and ordered to a second reading.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the unfinished business of the morning session, viz.: The substitution of the Bill offered by Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, for the Report of the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions on the State Lunatic Hospital at Northampton, was taken up; after debate, on motion of Mr. Burtt, of Lowell, the Yeas and Nays were ordered, and the Roll having been called, it appeared that one hundred and two members had voted in the affirmative, and one hundred and forty in the negative. So said substitute was rejected.

The question then recurred on the acceptance of the Report of the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, relative to the State Lunatic Hospital at Northampton, and on that question the Yeas and Nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. Pearce, of Gloucester; and the Roll having been called, it appeared that one hundred and two members answered in the affirmative, and one hundred and thirty-four in the negative. So said Report was rejected.

The motion of Mr. Conant, of Scituate, that no member be allowed to speak over fifteen minutes on any one

subject, without leave of the House, was then taken up, and, after debate, and pending the question,

On motion of Mr. Bosworth, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee on Fisheries, on the Petition of Baze Norton and others, reported,

That the same be referred to the next General Court.

Accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. White, of Medway, on leave, introduced a Bill, "Concerning the New England Female Education Society," which was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Wilkinson, of Dedham, on leave, introduced a Bill, "Relating to the Record of Attachments," which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Speaker appointed the following gentlemen as the Committee of Conference on the part of the House, on the subject matter of difference between the two Houses,

on the Resolve concerning the pay of the Council, Senate, and House of Representatives, viz.:—

Messrs. Potter, of Dartmouth,
Loring, of Boston, and
Waters, of Beverly.

Papers from the Senate.

The Bill, “Concerning the laying out of Ways across Railroads,” came down non-concurred in its reference to the Committee on Roads and Bridges, and on motion of Mr. Mixter, of Hardwick, was laid on the table.

Bill, “To revive chapter three hundred and ten of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five,” came down non-concurred in its reference to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The Resolve, “Concerning the Artificial Propagation of Fish,” came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, which was adopted, in concurrence.

Bills, “In addition to an Act to incorporate the Wiliston Seminary,”

“To amend the Charter of the City of Lowell,”

“ Providing remedies for persons injured by the maintenance of the Essex Company's Dam,” and

“ Authorizing the Fitchburg Gas Company to supply the inhabitants of Fitchburg with water,”

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the unfinished business of yesterday, viz.: the motion of Mr. Conant, of Scituate, that no member be allowed to speak over fifteen minutes on any one subject, without leave of the House; and, after debate, the motion was rejected.

The Senate Bill, “ Relating to Savings Banks and Institutions for Savings,” was indefinitely postponed.

The Report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges, relative to Town Roads, was accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

The Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Senate Bill, “ Concerning Idle and Disorderly Persons,” that the same ought to pass, with an amendment, was accepted, and the Bill, as amended, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve, “ In favor of John Goday;” and

Bills, "To incorporate the Benevolent Society, of Newburyport,"

"In aid of the Lebanon Springs Aqueduct Company,"

"To authorize the Selectmen of Wellfleet to build a Bridge," and

"Authorizing the County Commissioners of Essex County to lay out a Highway, and to cause a Bridge to be built across Bass River in the town of Beverly,"

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill, "In addition to an Act authorizing the County Commissioners of the County of Barnstable to lay out a Highway and construct a Bridge over East Harbor," was passed over.

The Bill, "Authorizing the County Commissioners of the County of Bristol to lay out a Highway and construct a Bridge over Skunk Creek," was then taken up, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading. An amendment, offered by Mr. Temple, of Rutland, was adopted; and, pending an amendment offered by Mr. Potter, of Dartmouth, the Special Assignment for this day and hour was called for; the same being the Bill,

“In addition to several Acts for the relief of Insolvent Debtors and the more equal distribution of their Effects,” when, on motion of Mr. Reed, of Newburyport, the Special Assignment was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Swallow, of Boston, the Orders of the Day were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Lamb, of Greenfield, it was

Ordered, That when this House adjourn, it be adjourned to Monday next, at ten o'clock.

The Engrossed Bills,

“In relation to the Probate Courts in the County of Worcester,”

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

“To extend the time for the construction of a Branch Railroad into the city of Boston, by the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation,”

(Which originated in the Senate,)

Were severally passed to be enacted and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Resolve,

“In favor of the Town of Bradford,”

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Was passed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Taggart, of Haverhill, announced the death of

TRUMAN M. MARTYN,

a member from the town of Haverhill.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Messrs. Taggart, of Haverhill,

Burbank, of Boston,

Andrews, of Danvers,

White, of Medway, and

Hall, of Cambridge,

were appointed a Committee to consider and report what notice the House should take of the event.

Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, was charged with a message to the Senate, to inform them of the death of Mr. Martyn; and

Mr. Littlefield, of Foxboro', was charged with a similar message to the Governor and Council.

Mr. Burbank, from the Committee appointed to consider what action the House should take relative to the death of Mr. Martyn, reported the following Resolves:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives have learned with deep regret and sorrow, of the decease of Truman M. Martyn, a member of the House from Haverhill.

Resolved, That the House present the assurances of their sincere sympathy and condolence to the afflicted family of the deceased.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing Resolves be transmitted to the family and friends of the deceased, and to the Selectmen of the town of Haverhill.

Resolved, That, as a testimony of respect for the memory of the deceased, a Committee of members be appointed to attend his funeral.

Resolved, That these Resolutions be entered upon the Journal of the House; and that, as a further token of respect for the memory of the deceased, the House do now adjourn.

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The Resolves were unanimously adopted, and thereupon, the Speaker appointed the following gentlemen as the Committee to attend the funeral, viz.:—

Messrs. Taggart of Essex,
Conley, of Suffolk,
S. W. Robinson, of Middlesex,
Heustis, of Worcester,
Ingraham, of Hampshire,
A. L. Converse, of Hampden,
Stebbins, of Franklin,
Ford, of Berkshire,
Haynes, of Norfolk,
Gilbert, of Bristol,
Pool, of Plymouth,
Johnson, of Barnstable, and
Mayhew, of Dukes and Nantucket.

The House then

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of Friday was read.

Mr. Harding, of Lawrence, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Bill concerning Savings Banks was indefinitely postponed, which motion was placed in the Orders of the Day.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills,

“To incorporate the Hancock Mutual Fire Insurance Company,”

“To authorize the Selectmen of Eastham to build a Bridge across Boat Meadow River,”

“To protect the Fisheries in the Town of Edgartown,”
and

“To protect the Fisheries in Pleasant Bay,”

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill, "For the Improvement of the Northerly Shore of South Boston," was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed with the several amendments.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the unfinished business of Friday, to wit: Bill, "Authorizing the County Commissioners of the County of Bristol to lay out a Highway and construct a Bridge over Skunk Creek," the question being first on the amendment offered by Mr. Potter, of Dartmouth, and then on ordering the Bill to a third reading. After debate the amendment was rejected, and the Bill was ordered to a third reading.

The Resolves,

"In favor of the Gay Head Indians,"

"On the Petition of Augustus Wheeler, and Lucy Wheeler, his wife,"

"Concerning the State Normal School-houses at Bridgewater, Westfield, Framingham and Salem," and

The Bills,

"For the preservation of Fish in Buzzard's Bay, within the Towns of Sandwich and Wareham," (as amended,)

"In addition to an Act to protect the Fisheries in

Ipswich River, approved February thirteen, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six,”

“ In relation to certain proceedings in Probate Courts,”

“ In addition to an Act to incorporate the Cutting Machine Manufacturing Company,”

“ To incorporate the Boston and North Cambridge Omnibus Company,”

“ To establish and confirm the boundary line between the Town of Chilmark and the Indians of Gay Head,”

“ To confirm certain lands in Tisbury to Jemima Easton and her heirs and other Indians of Deep Bottom,”

“ In addition to an Act to secure the safety of Passengers at Railroad Crossings,”

“ To authorize the County Commissioners of the County of Essex to construct a Highway in the Town of Manchester,”

“ To authorize Benjamin H. Breitt and Barnabas S. Young to build a Wharf,”

“ To incorporate the Boston Inland Mutual Insurance Company,”

“To incorporate the Abington Mutual Fire Insurance Company,”

“To authorize the Directors of Liberty Hall Association to purchase and hold additional Real Estate,”

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill, “In addition to an Act to incorporate the S. P. Ruggles Power Press Manufacturing Company,” was, on motion of Mr. Codman, of Boston, recommitted to the Committee on Manufactures.

The Bill, “To incorporate the Revere Insurance Company, of Boston,” was, on motion of Mr. Sever, of Boston, indefinitely postponed.

The Bill, “To prevent Fraud by the Adulteration of Milk in this Commonwealth,” was then taken up. Mr. Johnson, of Lowell, offered a substitute which was adopted, and the Bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

Bill, “Relating to the obtaining of Property by False Pretences,” was read a second time, amended, on motion of Mr. Merwin, of Boston, and ordered to a third reading.

Bill, "Establishing a Harbor Master for the Ports of Boston and Charlestown," was read a second time, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading; pending which,

On motion of Mr. Lovett, of Charlestown,

The House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion of Mr. Vose, of Boston, the Report of the Committee on Public Buildings, and the Resolve for repairs and alterations upon the State House, were taken from the table and placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Taft, of Uxbridge, the vote whereby the Bill, "In addition to an Act to incorporate the S. P. Ruggles Power Press Manufacturing Company" was re-committed to the Committee on Manufactures, was reconsidered; and, under a suspension of the Rules, said Bill was amended and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Beal, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred the Report of the Board of Education, reported

A Resolve, "In addition to a Resolve authorizing the Board of Education to appoint Agents."

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the Petition of Ansel Wright and George F. Wright, of Northampton, reported

A Resolve, "In favor of Ansel Wright and George F. Wright, of Northampton, Deputy Sheriffs."

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Petition of J. J. Clarke and others, reported

A Bill, "To fix the Salary of the District-Attorney for the South-eastern District."

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the unfinished business of the morning session, viz. :—

Bill, "Establishing a Harbor Master for the Ports of Boston and Charlestown." After debate, the Bill was indefinitely postponed.

The Report of the Committee of Conference on the Senate Bill, "To divide the Commonwealth into Districts for the choice of Councillors," was accepted, and the Bill was ordered to a second reading.

The Senate Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of Samuel C. Parsons, Agent for the Town of Sandisfield, was accepted, in concurrence.

The Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of sundry Banks and Bank Petitioners, was specially as-

signed for consideration on Thursday next, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

The Bill, "To incorporate the Springfield and Farmington Valley Railroad Company,"

Was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Porter, of Sturbridge,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Pollard, of Taunton, of March eighth, relative to the repeal or modification of the one hundredth chapter of the Statutes of eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Mr. Temple, from the Committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred the Final Report of the Commissioners on the Charles River and Warren Bridges, reported

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Smith, from the Joint Committee on Claims, to whom was referred an Order of April twenty-fifth, relative to Isaiah Stoddard, reported

A Resolve, "In favor of Isaiah Stoddard," which was read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Hall, from the Joint Special Committee on the Petition of George O. Fairbanks and others, on the Order of May fifth, relative to the same, reported

A Resolve, which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Littlefield, from the Committee on Education; to whom was referred the Bill, "To change the name of the New England Female Medical Education Society to New England Female Medical College, and to reorganize the same," reported,

That the Bill ought to pass, and said Bill was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Sever, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's Address as relates to the Finances of the Commonwealth, together with the Annual Report of the Treasurer and Receiver-General, and Auditor, reported

A Resolve, "Authorizing the Treasurer to borrow Money in anticipation of the State Tax." Also,

Bills,

"To apportion and assess a Tax of Five Hundred and

Ninety-nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-two Dollars,"

"Making provision for the Unfunded Debt of the Commonwealth,"

Which were severally laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills,

"In addition to an Act limiting suits against Executors and Administrators to two years,"

"Concerning Insolvent Debtors,"

Were severally read and referred to the Committee on Probate and Chancery.

The Report of the Joint Special Committee on the Petition of Timothy A. Smith, was placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston, the Bill, "In addition to the several Acts for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors and the more equal distribution of their Effects," was taken from the table and read a second time; amend-

ed, on motion of Messrs. Fletcher, of Lowell, and T. P. Hale, of Boston, and, pending the question of ordering the Bill, as amended, to a third reading, the Special Assignment for this day and hour was taken up, the same being the Bill, "In relation to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company."

The Bill was read a second time, and, pending the question of ordering the same to a third reading,

On motion of Mr. Lovett, of Charlestown,

The House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Strickland, of Sandisfield, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House accepted the Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of Samuel C. Parsons, Agent for the Town of Sandisfield.

Mr. White, of Medway, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Bill, "Establishing a Harbor Master for the Ports of Boston and Charlestown," was, on Monday last, indefinitely postponed.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Strickland, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred the Petition of the Commissioners of Forest Hills Cemetery, reported

A Bill, "Relating to the Public Cemetery in the City of Roxbury."

Mr. Temple, from the Committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was recommitted the Bill, "Relating to the Essex Merrimac Bridge," reported the same in a new draft.

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

The Engrossed Bills,

“Concerning the election of Clerks of Courts and other County Officers,”

“Concerning the Police Court of the City of Worcester,”

“In relation to the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Middlesex,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,) and

“Concerning State Paupers,”

(Which originated in the Senate,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Resolves,

“Concerning the Artificial Propagation of Fish,” and

“In favor of the State Almshouses,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed, and sent to the Senate.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Bill, "Concerning Savings Banks," was, on Friday last, indefinitely postponed; and, after debate, the motion to reconsider was lost.

The unfinished business of the morning session was then taken up, the same being the Bill, "In relation to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company," the question being on ordering the Bill to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Freeman, of Orleans, it was

Ordered, That when the question is taken it be taken by Yeas and Nays. After debate, but before taking the question,

On motion of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Dyer, of Boston, presented the Petition of George Brown and others, for the enactment of a Bill, "Empowering the State to appoint a Harbor Master for the Ports of Boston and Charlestown.

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Vose, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims consider and report what compensation should be paid the Doorkeepers, Messengers and Pages, for filing the Documents and Journal of the present session.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Holbrook, of Weymouth,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee be allowed and paid the amount of the expenses of their recent visit to River Head Beach in Marblehead Harbor.

Mr. Strickland, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred the Petition of Lorenzo W. Joy and others, praying for confirmation of title to certain lands in Northampton, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition.

Accepted.

Mr. Stoddard, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Petition of Alexander Scammel and others, for an increase of Salary of the Standing Justice of the Police Court in the town of Milford, reported

A Bill, "In addition to an Act to establish a Police Court in the Town of Milford."

Read, and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of A. White and others, praying to be incorporated into a Society for the relief of Aged Women, was referred to the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, in concurrence.

Bill, "To revive chapter three hundred and ten of the

Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five," came down with the endorsement that the "Senate insists ;" whereupon the House receded from its former action, and concurred in its reference to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Resolves, "Concerning the Franking Privilege and Cheap Postage,"

Were read, and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Fessenden, of West Cambridge; the Bill, "To authorize the First Congregational Society in West Cambridge to enclose their Land," was discharged from the Orders of the Day, and, under a suspension of the Rules, was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of Samuel O. Parsons, Agent for the Town of Sandisfield was accepted, was lost.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Bill, "Establishing a Harbor Master for the Ports of Boston and Charlestown," was indefinitely postponed, was lost.

The unfinished business of yesterday was then taken

up, the same being Bill, "In relation to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company," the question being on ordering the same to a third reading; pending which,

On motion of Mr. Lewis, of Lynn,

The House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. C. Hale, from the Committee on the Library, to whom was referred the Report of the Committee on Finance, on the subject of the Massachusetts Records, reported

A Resolve, "In relation to the Massachusetts Records," which was read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Codman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate Bill, "Concerning Elections," reported

That the Bill ought to pass.

The Bill was read a second time, and, after debate, refused a third reading.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Bills,

"In relation to Sheriffs and their Deputies." Also,

"Relating to the Record of Attachments," reported

That said Bills ought to pass.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to

whom was referred a Resolve, "On the Petition of Edward J. Cushing, reported

That the Resolve ought to pass.

Severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The following Engrossed Bills, viz. :—

"To incorporate the Springfield and Farmington Valley Railroad Company,"

(Which originated in the Senate,)

"Authorizing the release of Dower in behalf of Married Women who are Insane,"

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and were sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Resolve, "In favor of the State Industrial School for Girls,"

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Was passed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Pollard, of Taunton, under a suspension of the Rules, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House, on Thursday last, accepted the Report, "inexpe-

dient to legislate," on the Order of Mr. Pollard, of Taunton, of March eighth, relative to the repeal or modification of the one hundredth chapter of the Statutes of one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight. On motion, the Rules were further suspended, and the Report was recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, the Report, "leave to withdraw," of the Committee on the Judiciary on the Petition of Chickering and Sons and others, was discharged from the Orders of the Day, and was recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the unfinished business of the morning, viz. : Bill, "In relation to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company," the question being on ordering the same to a third reading ; pending which, it was ordered, on motion of Mr. Crocker, of Barnstable, that the question be taken to-morrow, at three o'clock, P. M. After discussion,

On motion of Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Crane, from the Committee on Leave of Absence, reported,

That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Parker, of Cambridge, for the remainder of the session, from May fourteenth.

Accepted.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Agriculture, to whom was recommitted the Bill, "To incorporate the Massachusetts School for Agriculture," reported

That the Bill ought to pass.

Read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Strickland, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred a Bill, "Concerning the Salary of the Register of Probate for the County of Dukes," reported

That said Bill ought to pass, with certain amendments.

The Report was accepted, and the Bill, as amended, was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Harding, of Lawrence, on leave, introduced a Bill, "Concerning the punishment of Drunkenness,"

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Titcomb, of Lynnfield, the Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on the Petition of the Malden and Melrose Gas Light Company, was discharged from the Orders of the Day, a Bill substituted for the Report, and the same referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill, "Concerning the Cambridge Water Works," was read, and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Brayton, of Fall River, the Special Assignment for this day and hour, viz.: The Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petitions of certain Banks for an increase of Bank Capital; also of certain persons for Acts of Incorporation for Banks, was postponed till Friday, May sixteenth, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the unfinished business of yesterday, viz. :

The Bill " In relation to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company," the question being on ordering the same to a third reading ; pending which,

On motion of Mr. Bosworth, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Fry, of Boston, presented the Petition of Moore and Crosby to be appointed State Printers.

Referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Brayton, of Fall River, offered the following Order :—

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be instructed, forthwith, to construct a suitable Railway or Bar around and in front of the Clerk's Desk, and that of the Committee on Engrossed Bills and Bills in their Third Reading, for the purpose of proper protection of papers, and the better dispatch of the business of the House.

Laid over, under the Rule.

Mr. Temple, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred the Petition of Hammat Billings, in behalf of the Pilgrim Society of Plymouth, reported a Preamble and Resolves "In relation to the Pilgrim Society of Plymouth."

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, on leave, introduced a Bill, "To amend an Act entitled an Act to establish the City of Worcester," which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Johnson, of Lowell, on leave, introduced a Bill, "To repeal an Act respecting Naturalization."

Read, and committed to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to report forthwith.

Mr. Usher, of Lynn, on leave, introduced a Bill, "In addition to an Act to incorporate the Lynn Library Association."

Read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the unfinished business of the morning session, to wit: The Bill, "In relation to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company," the question being on ordering the same to a third reading. After debate, the hour specially assigned for taking the question having arrived, the same was stated, and the Roll having been called, it appeared that eighty-three members had voted in the affirmative, and one hundred and ninety-two in the negative; so said Bill was refused a third reading.

The Bill, "In addition to several Acts for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors and the more equal distribution of their Effects," was then taken up and read a second time, the question being on ordering the Bill to a third reading. The Bill was amended, on motion of Mr. Worcester, of Townsend, and Mr. T. P. Hale, of Boston; and, as amended, ordered to a third reading.

The Bill, "In relation to the Assessment of Taxes," was read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an Order of April eighteenth, relative to Patent Rights, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Mr. Story, from the same committee, on the Order of April twenty-nine, relative to granting power to the Judges of the Superior Court in deciding matters of Law, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon. Also,

On the Bill, "To amend the one hundred and twenty-fourth chapter of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and ten," reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Mr. Strickland, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred the Petition of Seba W.

Abbott for leave to sell Real Estate in Stoneham, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Severally accepted.

Also, on the Order of March fifteenth, relating to the time of holding a term of the Probate Court for the County of Bristol, presented by Mr. Brayton, of Fall River, reported

A Bill, "Changing the time of holding a term of the Probate Court in the County of Bristol."

Mr. Hero, from the same committee, on the Petition of Lydia V. Dickson, that she may take the Personal Estate of Elizabeth Lewis, deceased, reported

A Resolve, "On the Petition of Lydia V. Dickson, praying that she may receive the Personal Estate of Elizabeth Lewis, deceased."

Mr. Story, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Senate Bill, "Relating to the Organization of Corporations for Educational, Charitable, or Religious Purposes, reported,

That the same ought to pass.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Agriculture, to

whom was recommitted the Bill, "To prevent Frauds in the Measurement of Wood," reported

The same Bill in a new Draft.

Mr. Temple, from the Committee on Education, on the Petition of Charles Burton and others, for an Act incorporating the Plymouth Library, reported

A Bill, "To incorporate the Plymouth Library."

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

The Order of Mr. Brayton, of Fall River, of May fifteenth, relative to a railing around the Desks of the Clerk and Committees on Engrossed Bills and Bills in their Third Reading, was then taken up, and, after debate, indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Converse, of Brimfield, on leave, introduced a Bill, "To change the Name of the Brimfield Free Grammar School," which, under a suspension of the Rules, was read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Reed, of Newburyport, on leave, introduced a Bill, "To incorporate the General Charitable Society of Newburyport."

Read, and referred to the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Mr. Williams, of Boston, on leave, introduced Resolves, "In relation to the Tunnel under the Hoosac Mountain," which were read and rejected.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills,

"To set off a part of Salem and Marblehead, to Swampscott," (in a new draft,)

"To authorize the Agent of Charles River and Warren Bridges to lease a Wharf adjoining Warren Bridge,"

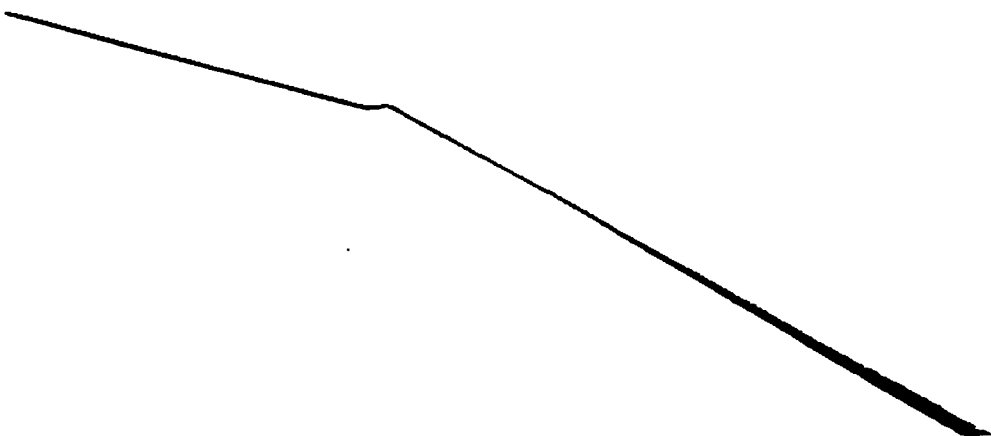
"In relation to the Salary of the District-Attorney of the Middlesex District,"

"To enable the proprietors of certain lands in Northampton to protect the same against inundations," and

"To incorporate the Malden and Melrose Railroad Company,"

Were severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Bill, "In addition to an Act concerning Agricultural Societies which receive the Bounty of the State," came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concur-



rence, with an amendment, which was adopted, in concurrence.

Bill, "Concerning General Fields," was read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Resolve, "To authorize the Secretary of the Commonwealth to furnish certain Documents,"

Was read, and referred to the Committee on the Library.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and on motion of Mr. Brayton, of Fall River, Bills in their Third Reading were first considered.

The Bills,

"In addition to an Act in relation to Law Library Associations,"

"To repeal chapter two hundred and eighty-three of the Statutes of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three,"

"To incorporate the Worcester Peat Company,"

"To incorporate the West Roxbury Railroad Company,"

“Concerning idle and disorderly persons,”

“In addition to an Act to incorporate the Cutting Machine Manufacturing Company,”

“In addition to an Act to incorporate the S. P. Rugles Power Press Manufacturing Company,” (as amended,)

“Concerning the Salary of the Register of Probate for the County of Dukes,” and

The Resolve, “On the Petition of Edward J. Cushing,”

Were severally read a third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bills,

“To authorize David Low to extend the Wharf belonging to the heirs of George Parkhurst, deceased,”

“To authorize Joseph Friend, Frederick Norwood, and Samuel K. Friend, to extend their Wharf,”

“To incorporate the South Reading Hotel,”

“To incorporate the Farm Pond Fishing Company in Edgartown,”

“To incorporate the Children’s Home, and Home for Aged Females, in Roxbury,”

“To incorporate the Ladies’ Howard Society, of Nantucket,”

“In addition to an Act to incorporate the Worcester County Mechanics’ Association,”

“In addition to an Act concerning Beaches in the town of Chelsea,”

“To exempt from levy on execution the Homestead of a Householder,” (as amended,)

“In addition to an Act concerning Judges of Probate,”

“To incorporate the Independent Benevolent Society of Newburyport,”

“In aid of the Lebanon Springs Aqueduct Company,”
(new draft,)

“To authorize the Selectmen of Wellfleet to build a Bridge,”

“Authorizing the County Commissioners of Essex County to lay out a Highway, and to cause a Bridge to be built across Bass River, in the town of Beverly,”

“ For the preservation of Fish in Buzzard’s Bay, within the towns of Sandwich and Wareham,” (as amended,)

“ In addition to an Act to protect the Fisheries in Ipswich River,” (approved February thirteen, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six,)

“ In relation to certain proceedings in Probate Courts,”

“ To incorporate the Boston and North Cambridge Omnibus Company,”

“ To establish and confirm the boundary line between the town of Chilmark and the Indians of Gay Head,”

“ To confirm certain lands in Tisbury to Jemima Easton and her heirs, and other Indians of Deep Bottom,” (as amended,)

“ To prevent Fraud by the Adulteration of Milk,”

“ In addition to an Act to secure the Safety of Passengers at Railroad Crossings,”

“ To authorize the County Commissioners of the County of Essex to construct a Highway in the town of Manchester,”

“ To authorize Benj. H. Breitt and Barnabas S. Young to build a Wharf,”

“To incorporate the Boston Inland Mutual Insurance Company,”

“To incorporate the Abington Mutual Fire Insurance Company,”

“To authorize the Directors of Liberty Hall Association to purchase and hold additional Real Estate,”

“Concerning the New England Female Education Society,”

“Relating to the Record of Attachments,”

“To incorporate the Massachusetts School of Agriculture,” and

The Resolves,

“In relation to Accounts against the Commonwealth,”
(as amended,)

“In favor of the Boston Board of Trade,”

“In favor of the Widow and Child of Nicholas Tillinghast, late Principal of the Normal School at Bridgewater,”

“In favor of William Goday,”

“In favor of the Gay Head Indians,”

"On the Petition of Augustus Wheeler, and Lucy Wheeler, his wife,"

"Concerning the State Normal School-houses at Bridgewater, Westfield, Framingham and Salem," and

"On the Petition of Charlotte A. Woods, Guardian,"

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill, "Concerning the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation," was, on motion of Mr. Burrill, of Roxbury, passed over.

The Bill, "To authorize the Bristol County Savings Bank to hold Real Estate," was, on motion of Mr. Pollard, of Taunton, indefinitely postponed.

Pursuant to assignment, the Report, "leave to withdraw," of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the several Petitions for Banks and an increase of Bank Capital, was then taken up, the question being on the acceptance of the same; pending which, on motion of Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, the further consideration of the subject was postponed to two o'clock, P. M., to-day.

Bill, "In relation to the several Acts for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, and the more equal distribution of their Effects," was then taken up. The Bill was amended, on motion of Mr. Crocker, of Barnstable, and pending the question on an amendment offered by Mr. Pike, of Newton,

On motion of Mr. Titcomb, of Lynnfield,

The House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Williams, of Hadley, from the Committee on Agriculture, on the Order of Mr. Andrews, of Danvers, of January twenty-first, relating to the Ornithology of the State, reported

A Bill, "Providing for an Ornithological Survey of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

Read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Taft, of Worcester, on leave, introduced a Bill, "Concerning the Taxation of Minor Children,"

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Probate and Chancery.

The Engrossed Resolve, "On the Petition of Clem Jenkins for leave to inherit certain Real Estate,"

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Was passed, and sent to the Senate.

Pursuant to Assignment, the House proceeded to the

consideration of the Report, "leave to withdraw," of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the Petition of certain Banks for increase of Bank Capital, also of certain persons for Bank Charters.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, of New Bedford, the Report was considered *seriatim*.

The Reports, "leave to withdraw," on the Petitions of

Webster Bank, of Boston,
Eagle Bank, of Boston,
Columbian Bank, of Boston,
North Bank, of Boston,
Tremont Bank, of Boston,
Faneuil Hall Bank, of Boston,
Taunton Bank, of Taunton,
Adams Bank, of Adams,
Pittsfield Bank, of Pittsfield,
Chicopee Bank, of Springfield,
Pynchon Bank, of Springfield,
John Hancock Bank, of Springfield,
Housatonic Bank, of Stockbridge,
Conway Bank, of Conway,
Miller's River Bank,
Woburn Bank,
Dedham Bank,
Mount Wollaston Bank,

City Bank, of Worcester,
Quincy Bank,
Wrentham Bank,
Brighton Market Bank,
City Bank,
Commercial Bank, of New Bedford,
Marine Bank, of New Bedford,
Mechanics' Bank, of New Bedford,
Merchants' Bank, of New Bedford,
Bank of North America,
John R. Bulkley and others,
George W. Lee and others,
Kilby Page and others,

were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of the Millbury Bank, was amended by the substitution of a Bill to increase the capital stock of the Millbury Bank, and

The Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of Carver Hotchkiss and others, was amended by the substitution of a Bill, "To incorporate the Shelburne Falls Bank."

The Bills were severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

The Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of S. Angier Chase and others, was next taken up, the question being on the acceptance of the same; pending which, Mr. Brayton, of Fall River, offered a Bill, "To incorporate the Wamsutta Bank," as an amendment to the Report, but before taking the question,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

On motion of Mr. Devereux, of Salem,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll be authorized to make up the pay and mileage of Mr. Swan, of Williamstown.

Mr. Briggs, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was committed the Senate Order of Inquiry as to whether any further legislation is requisite respecting the powers and duties of Auditors appointed by the Judicial Courts, reported

A Bill, "To authorize the appointment of Auditors, and defining their powers."

Mr. Devereux, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Order of April twenty-one, relative to Voters' Lists, reported

A Bill, "Concerning Lists of Voters."

Mr. Meekins, from the Committee on Mercantile

Affairs and Insurance, to whom was referred the Petition of William Aspinwall and others, to be incorporated as the Brookline Hotel Company, reported

A Bill, "To incorporate the Brookline Hotel Company."

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Walker, of Roxbury, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House, yesterday, passed to be engrossed, the Bill, "To incorporate the West Roxbury Railroad Company," and under a suspension of the Rules, the motion was carried. The question then recurred on passing the Bill to be engrossed; pending which, the same was amended, and as amended, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, on leave, introduced a Bill "To divide the Commonwealth into Districts for the choice of the Council," which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Titcomb, of Lynnfield, the Reports of the Majority and Minority of the Committee on Railways and Canals, on the Memorial of the Danvers Railroad Company, was taken from the table, and placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Sever, of Boston, the Report of the Committee on Finance, on the Auditor's Annual Report, was taken from the table, and placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, the Bill, "To protect the Rights and Liberties of the People of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," together with the Reports of the Committee on so much of the Governor's Address as relates to that subject, was taken from the table, and placed in the Orders of the Day.

A Communication was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, which was read, and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill, "To secure uniformity of Fees in the Courts of this Commonwealth," was read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill, "Concerning Beaches in the Town of Swampscott," was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Resolves, "In relation to the Territory of Kansas," were read, and ordered to a second reading.

A Message was received from His Excellency the Governor, by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, covering certain Resolves recently passed by the Legislature of the State of Maine, relative to Kansas, which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the unfinished business of yesterday, viz : The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of S. Angier Chase and others, was accepted; and the vote having been taken, the motion was carried. The question then recurred on the acceptance of the Report; pending which, a Bill, "To incorporate the Wamsutta Bank, of Fall River," was substituted for the Report.

Read, and ordered to a second reading.

The Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of Kilby Page and others, of West Roxbury, was accepted, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Pollard, of Taunton, the Orders of the Day were laid on the table, and the Engrossed Bills,

"To incorporate the Proprietors of the City Hotel, in Worcester,"

In addition to an Act concerning Mortgages of Personal Property,"

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Resolves,

"Concerning the Attorney-General's Office,"

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were passed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Fenno, of North Chelsea, the Resolve, "Providing for an Amendment to the Constitution relative to Districting the State for the choice of Senators to the General Court," was discharged from the Orders of the Day, and specially assigned for consideration on Tuesday, May twentieth, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

Mr. Upton, of Adams, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of the Adams Bank, was accepted.

Mr. Warren, of Brighton, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of the Brighton Market Bank, was accepted.

Mr. Cooley, of Conway, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of the Conway Bank, was accepted.

Mr. Conley, of Boston, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of Kilby Page and others, and of the Taunton Bank, were accepted.

Mr. Robinson, of Lexington, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of the North Bank, was accepted.

Mr. Taggart, of Haverhill, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of George W. Lee and others, was accepted.

Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Reports, "leave to withdraw," on the several Petitions of the Pittsfield Bank, the Housatonic Bank, and John R. Bulkley and others, were accepted.

Mr. Titcomb, of Lynnfield, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of the Miller's River Bank, was accepted.



Mr. Thomas, of New Bedford, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Report, "leave to with-

draw," on the Petition of the Mechanics' Bank, of New Bedford, was accepted.

Mr. Knight, of Marblehead, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Reports, "leave to withdraw," on the Petitions of the Quincy Stone Bank, and the Mount Wollaston Bank, were accepted.

Mr. Turner, of Brookline, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Report, "leave to withdraw," on the Petition of the Webster Bank, was accepted.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the unfinished business, viz.: Bill, "In addition to the several Acts for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, and the more equal distribution of their Effects," the question being first on the amendment offered by Mr. Pike, of Newton, and then on passing the Bill to be engrossed.

Before taking the question,

On motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of Saturday was read.

Mr. Hildreth, from the Committee on Manufactures, to whom was referred the Bill, "To incorporate the Malden and Melrose Gas Light Company, reported

That the Bill ought to pass.

Read, and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Swallow, of Boston, the Report of the Joint Special Committee "In relation to the Fishways on the Merrimack River," was taken from the table.

Mr. Phelps, of Lowell, offered a Bill as a substitute, which was placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Weeks, of Lowell, the Report of the Committee on Elections on the Petition of Edward W. Hinks and William M. Cornell, was taken from the table, and placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Littlefield, of Foxboro', the Resolve "Concerning Lippincott's Pronouncing Gazetteer," was

taken from the table, and placed in the Orders of the Day.

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were severally accepted. After debate, the motions were severally lost.

The motions to reconsider the votes whereby the Reports, "leave to withdraw," on the Petitions of the Pittsfield Bank, Housatonic Bank, and the Mechanics' Bank, were severally withdrawn by consent of the House.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Report,

“leave to withdraw,” on the Petition of the Adams Bank, was accepted, was carried.

The question then recurred on the acceptance of the Report; pending which, on motion of Mr. Upton, of Adams, a Bill, “To increase the Capital Stock of the Adams Bank,” was substituted for the Report.

Read, and ordered to a second reading.

The next matter, was the unfinished business of Saturday, viz.: “The Bill in addition to the several Acts for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, and the more equal distribution of their Effects,” the question being on the amendment offered by Mr. Pike, of Newton, and then on passing the Bill to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Emerson, of Boston,

Ordered, That when the question on the amendment is taken, it be taken by Yeas and Nays. After debate, but before taking the question,

On motion of Mr. Brayton, of Fall River,

The House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Hero, of Milford, presented the Petition of William H. Comstock and others, for an Act of incorporation to establish an Agricultural Society.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Robinson, of Newburyport, presented the Petition of the Newburyport Mutual Fire Insurance Company for extension of their charter.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Vose, from the Committee on Public Buildings, to whom was referred the Communication from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, reported

A Resolve, "In favor of the Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth."

Which was read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. C. Hale, from the Committee on the Library, to whom was referred the Senate Resolve, "To authorize the Secretary of the Commonwealth to furnish certain Documents," reported,

That the same ought to pass.

Mr. Briggs, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate Bill, "Concerning General Fields," reported,

That the same ought to pass.

Severally read, and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Brayton, from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Homœopathic Medical Society," reported

The same Bill in a new draft.

Placed in the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Story, of Somerville, the Preamble and Resolves "Concerning the Pilgrim Society of Plymouth," were taken from the table, and placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Engrossed Resolves,

"On the Petition of James H. Patillo and others,"

“On the Petition of Jonathan W. Freeland to sell Real Estate,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed, and sent to the Senate.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the unfinished business of the morning session, viz.:—The Bill, “In addition to the several Acts for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, and the more equal distribution of their Effects,” the question being on the amendment offered by Mr. Pike, of Newton.

Mr. Wilkinson, of Dedham, offered an amendment to the amendment; pending which,

On motion of Mr. Fessenden, of West Cambridge,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, presented the Petition of William White that he may be continued State Printer.

Mr. Weeks, of Lowell, presented the Petition of George C. Rand and Avery, that they may be appointed printers to the State for the ensuing year.

Severally referred to the Committee on Printing.

On motion of Mr. Bliss, of Worcester,

Ordered, That during the remainder of the present session, no member shall speak on any one subject more than fifteen minutes; also,

The same gentleman offered the following Order:—

Ordered, That the time for the final adjournment of the Legislature be fixed for Friday, the thirtieth day of May, at twelve o'clock, M.

Laid over, under the Rule.

On motion of Mr. C. Hale, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth be requested to furnish, for the use of the House, an Abstract of the votes of the people of the several Cities and Towns, for and against the Amendments to the Constitution, at the election in May last, and that the same be printed.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order relative to Orders of Notice, reported

A Bill, "Concerning application for Special Legislation." Also,

On the Order respecting the Registration of Deeds, reported,

A Bill, "Concerning the indexing of Deeds."

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Story, from the same committee, on the Petition of William H. Taylor and others, relative to the Assessment of Damages in laying out Streets, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Accepted.

Also, the same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Bill, "Concerning the punishment of Drunkenness," reported,

That the same ought to pass.

On motion of Mr. Vose, of Boston, the Bill was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Mixter, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the Bill, "To incorporate the Globe Insurance Company of Boston," reported

The same in a new draft.

Read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Story, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Bill, "In addition to an Act to incorporate the Lynn Library Association," reported,

That the same ought to pass. Also,

On the Bill, "In relation to the Trustee Process," reported,

That the same ought to pass.

Severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Sever, of Boston, on leave, introduced a Bill, "To incorporate the Dorchester Avenue Railroad Company," which was referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Taft, of Worcester, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House passed to a third reading, the Bill, "To incorporate the Worcester Peat Company," and under a suspension of the Rules, the motion was carried. The Bill was then amended, and again passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Brayton, of Fall River, the Report of the Special Committee on the Petition of George O. Fairbanks and others, of Fall River, was taken from the table, and placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Reed, from the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred the Bill, "To incorporate the General Charitable Society of Newburyport," reported,

That the Bill ought to pass.

The Bill was read twice, and ordered to a third reading.

Papers from the Senate.

The Resolve, "On the Petition of Abner F. Hopkins," came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, which was adopted, in concurrence.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the unfinished business of yesterday, viz.: Bill, "In addition to the several Acts for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, and the more equal distribution of their Effects," the question being on the amendment offered by Mr. Wilkinson, of Dedham, to the amendment offered by Mr. Pike, of Newton. After debate, the amendment was rejected.

The question then recurred on the amendment of Mr. Pike, and the Roll having been called, it appeared that one hundred and eight members had voted in the affirmative, and one hundred and forty-eight in the negative. So said amendment was rejected.

The question then recurred on ordering the Bill, as amended, to be engrossed, and the vote having been taken, it was decided in the affirmative; so said Bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment, which was sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hammond, of Nantucket,

The House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Briggs, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Bill, "To repeal an Act respecting Naturalization," reported,

That the Bill ought to pass.

Read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Engrossed Bills,

"In addition to an Act for supplying the City of Worcester with pure Water,"

"In addition to an Act concerning Agricultural Societies which receive the Bounty of the State,"

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Morrisy, of Nantucket, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Bill, "In addition to the several Acts for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, and the more

equal distribution of their Effects," was passed to be engrossed, which motion was placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the Bill, "To authorize the County Commissioners of Bristol County to borrow money either to repair or to build a House of Correction." Mr. Milliken, of New Bedford, after debate, moved to substitute the Minority Report of the Committee for the Bill. The motion was lost, and the Bill was ordered to a second reading.

Bills,

"Concerning the Irrigation of Land for Agricultural purposes,"

"In relation to the Grocers' Bank,"

Were severally indefinitely postponed.

Bill, "To incorporate the Nantucket Propeller Company," was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Bill, "To authorize the Governor to appoint Commissioners of Deeds in Foreign Countries," was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Bill, "Concerning the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation," was read a third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill, "To enable parties in civil actions to be Witnesses therein," was then taken up, the question being on the acceptance of Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, "that the amendment proposed by the Senate ought not to pass;" pending which, on motion, the House concurred in the Senate amendment.

On motion of Mr. Frye, of Boston, the Resolve "Providing for an Amendment to the Constitution for Districting the State for the choice of Senators to the General Court," was taken up, the question being on the final passage of the Resolve as provided in the Constitution; and the question having been stated, the Roll was called, and it appeared that two hundred and twenty-three members had voted in the affirmative, and two in the negative; and two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon having voted in favor thereof, the said Resolve and Article of Amendment were agreed to, and sent up for concurrence.

The said Resolve and Article of Amendment are as follows:—

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Six.

R E S O L V E

Providing for an Amendment to the Constitution for Districting the State for the choice of Senators to the General Court.

Resolved, By both Houses, (the same being agreed to by a majority of the Senators, and two-thirds of the members of the House of Representatives present and voting thereon):—

That it is expedient to alter the Constitution of this Commonwealth, by adopting the subjoined Article of Amendment, and that the same, as thus agreed to, be entered on the Journals of the two Houses, with the Yeas and Nays taken thereon, and referred to the General Court next to be chosen, and that the same be published, to the end that, if agreed to by the General Court next to be chosen, in the manner provided by the Constitution, it may be submitted to the people for their ratification, in order that it may become part of the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

A census of the legal voters of each city and town, on the first day of May, shall be taken and returned into the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, on or before the last day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven; and a census of the inhabitants of each city and town, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and of every tenth year thereafter. In the census aforesaid, a special enumeration shall be made of the legal voters; and in each city said enumeration shall specify the number of such legal voters aforesaid, residing in each ward of such city. The enumeration aforesaid shall determine the apportionment of senators for the periods between the taking of the census.

The senate shall consist of forty members. The general court shall, at its first session after each next preceding special enumeration, divide the Commonwealth into forty districts of adjacent territory, each district to contain, as nearly as may be, an equal number of legal voters, according to the enumeration aforesaid: *provided*, *however*, that no town or ward of a city shall be divided

therefor; and such districts shall be formed, as nearly as may be, without uniting two counties, or parts of two or more counties, into one district. Each district shall elect one senator, who shall have been an inhabitant of this Commonwealth five years at least, immediately preceding his election, and at the time of his election, shall be an inhabitant of the district for which he is chosen, and he shall cease to represent such senatorial district when he shall cease to be an inhabitant of the Commonwealth.

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Not less than sixteen senators shall constitute a quorum for doing business; but a less number may organize temporarily, adjourn from day to day, and compel the attendance of absent members.

The Yeas and Nays on agreeing to the said Article of Amendment, are as follows:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Adams, E.

Adams, L.

Allen, J.

Andrews

Armington

Arnold

Austin

Babcock

Messrs. Barney

Barrows

Batchelder, G.

Batchelder, S.

Bates

Baxter, J. A.

Beal, G., Jr.

Belden

Messrs. Blake

Bliss
Blood
Bosworth
Bowker
Boyce
Brayton
Briggs, E.
Briggs, H. S.
Brooks
Burbank
Burt
Calef
Case
Child
Childs
Clapp
Clifford
Codman
Cole, M.
Cole, S.
Colton
Conant
Conley
Converse, A. L.
Converse, W. B.
Cook
Cooley
Crane
Crocker
Crosby
Crossman

Messrs. Curtis

Davenport
Davis, A.
Dewey
Dupee
Dyer, D.
Dyer, M., Jr.
Earl
Eastman
Edwards
Emerson
Emery
Endicott
Estes
Evans
Faulkner
Felch
Fenno
Flagg
Fletcher
Floyd
Ford
Freeland
Frye
Fuller
Gardner
Gaston
Gavitt
Gay
Gilbert
Godfrey
Goff

Messrs. Gould

Goss
Gray, E.
Gray, J.
Hagar
Hale, T. P.
Hall, F.
Hammond, A. B.
Hammond, E.
Handley
Hard
Hartwell
Haviland
Haynes
Healy
Herrick
Heustis
Hicks
Hildreth
Hinds
Holbrook, A.
Holbrook, J. E.
Homer
Howard
Howe
Howes
Ingalls
Ingraham
Jacobs
Jenkins
Johnson, J.
Johnson, W. F.

Messrs. Keith, E.

Keith, P.
Knight
Lawrence, A. L.
Leach
Lewis, D. J.
Lovett
Low
Lunt
Luscomb
Marble
Mayo
Meekins
Merriam
Miles
Milliken
Mixer
Morrill
Morrisy
Newhall
Nickerson
Nye
Oliver
Orcutt
Paine
Partridge
Pearce
Phelps, C. A.
Phelps, H., Jr.
Phelps, S. H.
Pitman
Plummer

Messrs. Pollard

Pomeroy
Porter
Potter
Pratt, A., Jr.
Pratt, C. M.
Pratt, J., 2d.
Putnam
Read
Rhoades
Rice
Robbins
Robinson, E. R.
Robinson, J.
Robinson, S. W.
Robinson, W.
Roby
Rockwood
Russell, G. W.
Russell, J. W.
Sawyer, J., 2d.
Sawyer, M., 2d.
Sever
Shepard
Slade
Smith, B. M.
Smith, Fleman
Smith, Hiram
Smith, M.
Smith, S. H. Jr.,
Smith, W.
Snow

Messrs. Sparrell

Standish
Stebbins
Stone
Story, I.
Story, S.
Stratton
Swallow
Taft, C. A.
Tagart
Taylor, C.
Temple, A. H.
Temple, J. H.
Tenney, G. I.
Tenney, J.
Thatcher
Thacher
Thaxter
Thomas
Tidd
Titcomb
Torrey
Towne
Turner
Upton
Usher
Vinson
Vose
Walker
Ward
Warren
Waters

Messrs. Webber

Weeks

Weld

Wheeler, A. B.

Wheeler, L.

White, M.

Whitney, H. G.

Whitney, O., Jr.

Messrs. Wilcox

Wilkinson

Willard

Williams, J. O.

Williams, P. S.

Woodcock

Worcester

Nays.

Messrs. Stevens and Webb

On motion of Mr. Robinson, of Lexington,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Temple, member from Framingham.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

On motion of Mr. Burbank, of Boston,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll be, and they are hereby instructed, to make up and pay the mileage and attendance up to this day, of Calvin P. Hinds, member from Boston.

Mr. Littlefield, from Foxboro', offered the following Order:—

Ordered, That on and after Thursday, May twenty-second, the House will hold evening sessions until otherwise ordered, said sessions to commence at seven o'clock, P. M.

Laid over, under the Rule.

Mr. Crane, from the Committee on Leave of Absence, reported,

That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Stevens, of Roxbury, for one week from the twenty-second instant,

and to Mr. Hinds, of Boston, for the remainder of the session, from and after the twenty-first instant.

Accepted.

Mr. Strickland, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, on the Order of February eighteenth, relative to arbitration by Executors, Administrators, Guardians and Trustees, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon. Also,

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Order of March twelfth, relative to the power of Selectmen or Overseers of the Poor in binding out Minors, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Severally accepted.

Also, on the Order of January eighteenth, relative to altering the time of holding Probate Courts, reported

A Bill, "Changing the time of holding a Probate Court in Groton, in the County of Middlesex."

Read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Wilkinson, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate Bill, "Concerning Insolvent Debtors," reported,

That the same ought not to pass.

The Report was placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, on leave, introduced a Resolve rescinding the Order of May twentieth, respecting the limitation of debate, which was rejected.

The Engrossed Bill,

“ For the preservation of Fish in Buzzard’s Bay, within the towns of Sandwich and Wareham,”

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Resolve, “ In favor of the State Farm at Westborough,” came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, which was adopted, in concurrence.

The Bill, “ Concerning the location of the Eastern Railroad,” was recommitted to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

On motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston, the Bill, “ Concerning Insurance Companies,” was discharged from the Orders of the Day, and specially assigned for consideration on Friday, May twenty-third, at eleven o’clock, A. M.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House, yesterday, passed to be engrossed, the Bill, "In addition to the several Acts for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, and the more equal distribution of their Effects."

After debate, the motion to reconsider was lost.

The Bill, "Concerning grants in Boston Harbor," was indefinitely postponed.

Pursuant to Assignment, the House proceeded to the consideration of the Bill, "To Protect the Rights and Liberties of the People of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts." The Bill was read a second time, and, pending the question of ordering the Bill to a third reading, on motion of Mr. Littlefield, of Foxboro', the House went into a Committee of the Whole. After debate, the Committee, through their chairman, reported progress and asked leave to sit again, which request was refused.

Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, moved to amend by substituting the Minority Report of the Committee for the Bill, viz.: The Bill, "To repeal the four hundred and eighty-ninth chapter of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five," and on this question the Yeas

and Nays were ordered. The Roll having been called, it appeared that one hundred and thirty members had voted in the affirmative, and one hundred and thirteen in the negative, and so the said substitute was adopted. The question then recurred on ordering the Bill to a third reading, pending which, Mr. Pike, of Newton, moved the indefinite postponement of the whole subject, and on this question the Yeas and Nays were ordered; but, before taking the question,

On motion of Mr. Emerson, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

The Order of Mr. Bliss, of Worcester, relative to the time of the final adjournment of the Legislature, which was laid over, under the Rule, was taken up and adopted.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a Report of the Committee on Towns relative to Blank Returns, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Accepted.

Mr. Temple, from the Committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was recommitted the Report, "Reference to the next Legislature," on the Petition of Lyman Whitman and others, praying that they may be incorporated as the Agawam Bridge Company, reported

A Bill, "To incorporate the Agawam Bridge Company," which was read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, on leave, introduced Resolves "Concerning the Northerly Shore of South Boston," which were laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

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"In addition to an Act to incorporate the S. P. Rugles Power Press Manufacturing Company,"

"Concerning Idle and Disorderly Persons,"

"To repeal chapter two hundred and eighty-three of the Statutes of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three,"

“Concerning the Salary of Register of Probate for the County of Dukes,”

“In addition to an Act to incorporate the Cutting Machine Manufacturing Company,” and

The Resolve, “On the Petition of Edward J. Cushing,”

(Which severally originated in the Senate,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the unfinished business of the morning session, viz.: Bill, “To protect the Rights and Liberties of the People of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,” as amended, the question being on the motion of Mr. Pike, of Newton, to indefinitely postpone the whole subject. Mr. Littlefield, of Foxboro’, offered an amendment. After debate, on motion of Mr. Fenno, of North Chelsea, the Previous Question was ordered; and on motion it was ordered, that the vote on the Main Question be taken by Yeas and Nays. The question then recurred on the amendment offered by Mr. Littlefield, of Foxboro’, which

was rejected. The question then recurred on ordering the Bill to a third reading, and the Roll having been called, it appeared that one hundred and forty-four members had voted in the affirmative, and one hundred and twenty-four in the negative, and the Bill was ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Howes, of Dennis,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an Order of April fifteenth, relative to the appointment of an Attorney for the County of Suffolk to assist petty criminals, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate.

Mr. Strickland, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred the Petition of Louisa W. Winslow, late of Freetown, for alteration of the laws as regards Widows' rights of Dower, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition.

Severally accepted.

Mr. Mixter, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to whom was referred the Senate Bill, "Concerning Beaches in the Town of Swampscott," reported,

That the same ought to pass.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a Bill, "To amend an Act in addition to an Act entitled an Act to establish the City of Worcester," reported,

That the Bill ought to pass.

Severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Order offered by Mr. Littlefield, of Foxboro', concerning evening sessions, which was laid over, under the Rule, was taken up, and rejected.

On motion of Mr. Temple, of Framingham, the Bill, "Establishing Boards of Trustees for the State Lunatic Hospitals, and in addition to the Acts concerning Lunatic Hospitals," was taken from the table, and placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Resolve, "In relation to a Lunatic Hospital at Northampton," and

The Order of Mr. Pike, of Newton, relative to the Lunatic Hospital at Northampton,

Were severally taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Hall, of Cambridge, was appointed on the Committee on Engrossed Bills, in the place of Mr. Hinds, of Boston.

The Engrossed Bill, "To authorize the Hampshire and Hampden Railroad Corporation to extend their Railroad,"

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

The Bill, "Concerning the Election of Representatives to Congress," was read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Petition of Edmund Smith and others, praying to be incorporated as the Essex Flour Company, to be located in Salem, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, "On the condition of Public Institutions under the patronage of the Commonwealth," was placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the unfinished business of yesterday, to

wit: Bill, "Concerning grants in Boston Harbor," the question being on the indefinite postponement; pending which, on motion of Mr. Wilkinson, of Dedham, the same was referred to the next General Court, and sent up for concurrence.

The Report, "inexpedient to legislate," on the Order of Mr. Howes, of Dennis, of the eighth of January, relative to Pilotage, and on the Order of the same gentleman of February nineteenth, relating to Pilots and Pilot Commissioners, was accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

The Report of the Committee on Towns, on the Bill, "To incorporate the Town of Belmont," that the Bill ought not to pass, was next taken up, the question being on the rejection of the Bill; pending which,

On motion of Mr. Vose, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Briggs, of Pittsfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll be, and they are hereby instructed, to make up and pay the mileage and attendance, up to and including the twenty-fourth day of May, instant, of Lemuel K. Strickland, member from Sandisfield.

Mr. Pollard, of Taunton, offered the following Order:—

Ordered, That on and after Friday, the twenty-third instant, the hour for commencing the daily session of this House shall be nine o'clock, A. M.

Laid over, under the Rule.

On motion of Mr. Frye, of Boston,

Ordered, That four hundred extra copies of the State Census of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

The Committee on Leave of Absence, reported,

That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Strickland, of Sandisfield, for the remainder of the session, from the twenty-fourth instant.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Taggart, of Haverhill,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll be instructed to make up, to the end of the present session, the pay of Truman M. Martyn, late member of the House from Haverhill, and also the expenses of his last sickness and funeral expenses, and that the same be paid out of the general treasury.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an Order of February fourteenth, relative to Loan and Fund Associations, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Engrossed Bill, "To enable parties in civil actions to be Witnesses therein,"

(Which originated in the Senate,)

Was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the unfinished business of the morning session, to wit: The Report of the Committee on Towns, on the Bill, "To incorporate the Town of Belmont," the question being on the rejection of the same; and the vote having been taken, the Bill was rejected.

Resolves, "In relation to lands in the Back Bay," were read a second time, and ordered to a third reading, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.'

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

On motion of Mr. Temple, of Framingham,

Ordered, That a Joint Special Committee, consisting of five on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to consider and report what action the legislature shall take in reference to the assault recently made at Washington upon one of the Senators in Congress from this Commonwealth, and

Messrs. Temple, of Framingham,
Waters, of Beverly,
Pollard, of Taunton,
Lawrence, of Cambridge, and
Gould, of Falmouth,

were appointed on the Committee on the part of the House.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Order of Mr. Bliss, of Worcester, relative to the time for the final adjournment of the legislature, which was laid over, under the Rule, was taken up and laid on the table.

Mr. Cook, from the Committee on Fisheries, to whom was committed the Engrossed Bill relating to the Fisheries on the south side of the Town of Barnstable and District of Marshpee, reported

A Bill "For the protection of the Fisheries on the South Shore and Bays on the south side of the Town of Barnstable and District of Marshpee," which was

Read, and ordered to a second reading.

Under a suspension of the Rules, the Bill was read a second time, and, pending the question on ordering the same to a third reading, it was laid on the table.

Mr. Codman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate Bill, "To secure uniformity of Fees in the Courts of this Commonwealth," reported

That the Bill ought to pass.

Mr. Baker, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred the Petition of Samuel Lawrence and others, for a renewal of the grant to the New England School of Design for Women, reported

A Resolve in aid of the New England School of Design for Women.

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Codman, of Boston, on leave, introduced a Resolve concerning the pay of Henry A. Marsh, which was read and referred to the Committee on the Pay Roll.

On motion of Mr. Temple, of Framingham, the Bill, "To repeal the four hundred and eighty-ninth chapter of the Acts of eighteen hundred and fifty-five," was taken from the Orders of the Day, and specially assigned for consideration on 'Tuesday next, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Mr. Sever, of Boston, the Report of the Committee on Finance, and Bills,

"Making provision for the Unfunded Debt of the Commonwealth,"

"To apportion and assess a Tax of five hundred ninety-nine thousand nine hundred eighty-two dollars," and

The Resolve "relative to a State Tax,"

Were severally discharged from the Orders of the Day, and, under a suspension of the Rules, the Report was accepted, and the Bills and Resolve were read three several times, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The Petition of B. B. Chandler, of the town of Webster, was referred to the next legislature, in concurrence.

Ordered, in concurrence, That a Special Committee of two on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to consider and report when the present session of the legislature can be brought to a close, consistent with the public business, and

Messrs. Mills, and
Raymond,

were appointed on the part of the Senate, and

Messrs. Devereux, of Salem,
Wilkinson, of Dedham,
Whiton, of Hingham,
Ritchie, of Boston, and
Fessenden, of West Cambridge,

on the part of the House.

The Bill, "In addition to an Act to incorporate the Broadway Railroad Company," was referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Bill relating to Bank Balances and Bank Returns, was read and referred to the Committee on Probate and Chancery.

Severally in concurrence.

The Engrossed Bill,

“To incorporate the West Roxbury Railroad Company,”

(Which originated in the Senate,)

Was passed to be enacted and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Resolve,

“On the Petition of Abner Hopkins,” was passed and sent to the Senate.

Pursuant to assignment, the House then proceeded to the consideration of the Bill, “Concerning Insurance Companies,” the question being on ordering the same to a third reading. Amendments were offered, pending which,

On motion of Mr. Lovett, of Charlestown,

The House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Taggart, of Haverhill, the Bill, "To set off Clement's Island from the Town of Haverhill and annex the same to the Town of Bradford," was referred to the next General Court. Subsequently the same gentleman moved a reconsideration, which was placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the Bill, "Concerning Insurance Companies." Sundry amendments were offered which were adopted, and the Bill was ordered to a third reading.

The Resolves,

"In relation to Town Lines between the Towns of South Scituate and Hanson," and

"Providing for the pay of the Council, Senate and House of Representatives," (as amended,) and

Bills,

"For the better protection of the public at Railroad Crossings," (as amended,)

“ Authorizing the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company to change location,”

“ In relation to the Cape Cod Branch Railroad Company,” (as amended,)

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Resolve in favor of the State Prison,

Was read a third time, amended, and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

On motion of Mr. Cooley, of Conway,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll be, and they are hereby instructed, to make up and pay the mileage and attendance of Edward W. Stebbins, the member from Deerfield, up to and including the twenty-seventh day of May, instant.

Mr. Crane, from the Committee on Leave of Absence, reported,

That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Stebbins, of Deerfield, for the remainder of the session from the twenty-seventh instant.

Accepted.

The Engrossed Bill, "To change the Name of the Female Medical Education Society to New England Female Medical College, and to reorganize the same,"

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Resolve, "In favor of the State Farm at Westborough,"

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Was passed, and sent to the Senate.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the undebatable matters were first considered in their order.

Bill, "In relation to Stationary Steam Engines," was read a third time, and on motion of Mr. Crossman, of Springfield, indefinitely postponed.

Bills,

"For the better protection of the Public on Highways, Townways, and Travelled Places,"

"To authorize the appointment of Auditors, and defining their powers,"

"Relating to the Organization of Corporations,"

"Concerning General Fields,"

"Authorizing the Governor to appoint Commissioners of Deeds in foreign countries,"

"To incorporate the Nantucket Propeller Company,"

“In addition to an Act to incorporate the Lynn Library Association,”

“In relation to the Trustee Process,”

“To incorporate the General Charitable Society of Newburyport,”

“To amend an Act in addition to an Act to establish the City of Worcester,”

“Concerning Beaches in the Town of Swampscott,”
and

Resolves, “In relation to Lands in the Back Bay,”

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill, “To repeal an Act respecting Naturalization,”
was rejected.

Bills,

“Confirming the Union of the Charles River Railroad Company and the New York and Boston Railroad Company, and extending the time for locating and constructing the same,”

“To provide for the election of Clerks of Police Courts,” and

“Concerning the planting of Shade Trees,”

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Taft, of Uxbridge,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Wheeler, member from North Bridgewater.

The Journal of Saturday was read.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River,

Ordered, That so far as relates to the reconsideration of votes, the current week shall be considered the last week of the session.

Mr. Mixter, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the Petition of the Newburyport Mutual Fire Insurance Company, for a renewal of Charter, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Huse, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the Petitions of George C. Rand and Company, and Moore and Crosby, to be appointed State Printers, also the Petition of William White to be continued State Printer, reported

A Resolve, "Concerning the Printing of the Commonwealth."

Mr. Austin, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the Bill, "To protect Boston Harbor," reported

The same in a new draft.

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate Bill, "Concerning the election of Representatives in Congress," reported,

That the Bill ought to pass.

Read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Lowell, Bill, "To amend the Charter of the City of Lowell," was discharged from the Orders of the Day, and, under a suspension of the Rules, was read three several times, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Fitchburg, the Bill, "Authorizing the Fitchburg Gas Company to supply the inhabitants of Fitchburg with Water," was discharged from the Orders of the Day, and, under a suspension of

the Rules, was read three times, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Speaker appointed Mr. Morrisy, of Nantucket, on the Committee in relation to the assault on Senator Sumner, in place of Mr. Lawrence, of Cambridge.

Papers from the Senate.

The following Order was read, and laid over, under the Rule :—

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, that the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and the Clerks for the time being, of the two branches of the Legislature, furnish to each incorporated Library Association in this Commonwealth having upon its shelves for circulation five thousand volumes or more, a complete set of public Documents published by the State, so far as may be in their power, together with all Legislative Documents hereafter, as soon as may be after the close of each session of the General Court.

The Report of the Joint Special Committee on the close of the session, was accepted, in concurrence.

Bills,

“ Limiting the time for the Organization of Corporations,”

“ Relating to the Registry of Deeds for the Northern District of Middlesex,”

“ To establish additional Terms of the Court of Common Pleas in the County of Worcester,”

“ To prevent Waste,” and

“ Concerning the Superior Court and the Court of Common Pleas,”

Were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill, “ In addition to an Act concerning the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad Company,”

Was referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

Bill, “ To incorporate the Boston and New Orleans Steamship Company,”

Was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The Bill, "To promote the public safety and convenience, by a Bridge at the intersection of the Boston and Lowell, the Fitchburg and the Grand Junction Railroads in Somerville," was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

The Bill, "To incorporate the Massachusetts School of Agriculture," was placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Bills,

"In addition to an Act concerning Lines in Boston Harbor,"

"Establishing the Salaries of the Deputy-Warden and Clerk of the State Prison," and

"Concerning the Harbor of Boston, Mystic River, and Dorchester Bay,"

Were severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Bills,

"To prevent Fraud by the sale of Adulterated Milk,"

"In relation to the Assessment and Collection of Taxes,"

“To authorize the County Commissioners of the County of Bristol to lay out a Road and construct a Bridge in Somerset,”

“To incorporate the Farm Pond Fishing Company in Edgartown,”

“To incorporate the Worcester Peat Company,” and

“Authorizing the County Commissioners of Essex to lay out a Road and construct a Bridge over Bass River,”

Severally came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with certain amendments, which were severally adopted, in concurrence.

Bill, “In relation to Insolvent Corporations,” came down from the Senate, referred to the next General Court, and the House concurred in its reference.

The hour specially assigned for the consideration of the Bill, “Concerning Insurance Companies,” having arrived, the same was taken up, the question being on ordering the same to be engrossed. The Bill was amended, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendments, which were sent up for concurrence.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Bill, "To set off Clement's Island from the Town of Haverhill and annex the same to the Town of Bradford," was referred to the next General Court. After debate, the motion to reconsider was lost.

Resolves,

"On the Petition of A. Hammond and E. R. Sawyer,"

"In favor of Nathan Tufts, Jr.,"

"In favor of William F. Veazie,"

"In favor of Samuel H. Jenks,"

Were severally indefinitely postponed.

Bill, "In relation to the Returns of Votes," was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Vose, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Pollard, of Taunton,

Ordered, That on and after Wednesday, the twenty-seventh instant, the hour for commencing the daily sessions of this House shall be nine o'clock, A. M.

Paper from the Senate.

Resolves, "Concerning the recent assault upon the Hon. Charles Sumner, at Washington," were read, and ordered to a second reading.

Under a suspension of the Rules, Mr. Knight, of Marblehead, moved an amendment, to wit: Strike out the third Resolve. Mr. Merwin, of Boston, moved an amendment to the amendment, which was adopted, and the Yeas and Nays having been ordered upon the amendment as amended, the Roll was called, and it appeared that one hundred and eighty-three members had voted in the affirmative, and thirty-seven in the negative. So the said amendment was adopted. The question then re-

curred on passing the Resolves to a third reading, as amended, and on that question the Yeas and Nays were ordered, and the Roll having been called, it appeared that one hundred and eighty-seven members had voted in the affirmative, and twenty-three in the negative. So said Resolves, as amended, were ordered to a third reading. Subsequently, under a suspension of the Rules, the Resolves were passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Engrossed Bill,

“ Authorizing the County Commissioners of the County of Essex, to lay out and construct a Highway in the Town of Manchester,”

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Resolves,

“ In favor of the Widow and Child of Nicholas Tillinghast, late Principal of the Normal School at Bridgewater,”

“ In favor of the Gay Head Indians,”

“ In favor of William Goday,”

“ Concerning the State Normal School-houses at Bridgewater, Westfield, Framingham and Salem,”

“ In favor of the Boston Board of Trade,” and

“ Authorizing the Treasurer to borrow Money in anticipation of the State Tax,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Vose, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Pollard, member from Taunton.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

On motion of Mr. Wells, of Stockbridge,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll make up the pay for Travel and Attendance of Charles J. Taylor, of Great Barrington, to and including the eighteenth day of April last.

Mr. Thayer, of Boston, offered the following Order:—

Ordered, That a Committee of two on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to convey to the Senators and Representatives in Congress, the Resolves of this Legislature, “Concerning the recent assault upon the Hon. Charles Sumner, at Washington.” On motion of Mr. Morrill, the Order was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Austin, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to whom was referred the Senate Bill,

“To incorporate the Boston and New Orleans Steamship Company,” reported,

That the Bill ought to pass.

Read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Engrossed Bill, “Authorizing the Fitchburg Gas Company to supply the Inhabitants of Fitchburg with Water,”

(Which originated in the Senate,)

Was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Bills,

“To incorporate the Homœopathic Medical Dispensary,”

“To incorporate the Boston and North Cambridge Omnibus Company,”

“To authorize Joseph Friend, Frederick Norwood, and Samuel Friend, to extend their Wharf,”

“To incorporate the South Reading Hotel Company,”

“To incorporate the Boston Inland Mutual Fire Insurance Company,”

“ In addition to an Act to incorporate the Worcester County Mechanics' Association,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the undebatable matters were first considered in their order.

The Bills,

“ Concerning Charles River and Warren Bridges,”

“ To fix the Salary of the District-Attorney of the South-Eastern District,”

“ Relating to the obtaining of Property by False Pretences,”

“ Relating to the Public Cemetery of the City of Roxbury,”

“ Concerning the Essex Merrimack Bridge,”

“ In addition to an Act to establish a Police Court in the Town of Milford,”

“ To incorporate the Shelburne Falls Bank,”

“To increase the Capital Stock of the Millbury Bank,”

“To incorporate the Wamsutta Bank,”

“In addition to an Act concerning Probate Courts in the County of Dukes,” as amended,

“To incorporate the Brookline Hotel Company,”

“Concerning Lists of Voters,”

“To incorporate the Plymouth Library,”

“In addition to an Act to increase the Capital Stock of the Adams Bank,”

“In addition to an Act to incorporate the Malden and Melrose Gas Light Company,”

“To incorporate the Homœopathic Medical Society,”

“Concerning the Indexing of Deeds,”

“To incorporate the Globe Insurance Company,”

“Changing the time of holding a Probate Court at Groton, in the County of Middlesex,”

“To incorporate the Agawam Bridge Company,” and

The Resolves,

“In favor of the State Reform School for Boys, at Westborough,”

“In addition to a Resolve to authorize the Board of Education to appoint Agents,”

“In favor of Isaiah Stoddard,”

“On the Petition of Lydia V. Dickson, praying that she may receive the Personal Estate of Elizabeth Lewis, deceased,”

“In favor of the Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth,”

“Concerning the Pilgrim Society of Plymouth,”

“In aid of the New England School of Design for Women,”

“On the Petition of George O. Fairbanks and others, of Fall River,” and

The Bills,

“Determining the Boundary Line between Danvers and South Danvers,”

“To incorporate the Phillips Wharf Company, of Salem,”

“In addition to an Act relative to Superintendents of Schools,”

“Concerning the Sale of Onions in this Commonwealth,”

“Extending the time for the construction of the Agricultural Branch Railroad,”

“In addition to an Act to incorporate the Williston Seminary,”

“To protect the Fishery in Pleasant Bay,”

“To authorize the Selectmen of Eastham to build a Bridge across Boat Meadow River,”

“To incorporate the Hancock Mutual Fire Insurance Company,”

“To enable the Proprietors of certain Lands in Northampton to protect the same against Inundations,”

“In relation to the Salary of the District-Attorney of the Middle District,”

“ Changing the time of holding a Term of the Probate Court in the County of Bristol,”

“ Establishing Boards of Trustees for the State Lunatic Hospitals, and in addition to the Acts concerning Lunatic Hospitals,”

“ To secure uniformity of Fees in the Courts of this Commonwealth,”

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, and

The Report of the Joint Special Committee on the Petition of T. A. Smith, also,

The Report of the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions,

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bill, “ To change the Name of the Trustees of the Brimfield Free Grammar School,” was recommitted to the Committee on Education.

Bills,

“ Concerning the planting of Shade Trees,” and

“ In relation to the Returns of Votes,”

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills,

“ For the better protection of the Public at Railroad Crossings,”

“ Authorizing the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company to change location,”

“ Confirming the Union of the Charles River Railroad Company and the New York and Boston Railroad Company, and extending the time for locating and constructing the same,” and

The Resolves,

“ Authorizing the Secretary of the Commonwealth to furnish certain Documents,”

“ In relation to Town Lines between the Towns of South Scituate and Hanover,”

Were severally read a third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill, “ To incorporate the Massachusetts School of Agriculture,” was then taken up, the question being on

concurring in the Senate amendment ; and, after debate, the House concurred.

The hour specially assigned for the consideration of the Bill, " To repeal the four hundred and eighty-ninth chapter of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five," having arrived, the same was taken up, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading. Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, offered an amendment to the Bill, on which the Yeas and Nays were ordered, and pending which,

On motion of Mr. Brooks, of Worcester,

The House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Wilkinson, of Dedham, presented the Petition of George H. Raymond for leave to sell Real Estate.

Referred to the Committee on Probate and Chancery.

On motion of Mr. Brayton, of Fall River,

Ordered, That on and after this day, each session of the House of Representatives shall be considered a legislative day for the purposes of acting on Bills and Resolves.

On motion of Mr. West, of Pittsfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll be instructed to make up the pay and mileage of H. N. Sears, of Lenox, to the end of the session.

Mr. Robinson, from the Committee on Railways and Canals, to whom was recommitted the Senate Bill, "Concerning the location of the Eastern Railroad," reported,

That the Bill ought to pass without the Senate amendment.

The Report was accepted, and the House non-concurred in the amendment.

Mr. Ritchie, from the Committee on Railways and Canals, on the Senate Bill, "Concerning the Fitchburg Railroad Company," reported

The same in a new draft.

Read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on the Pay Roll, to whom was referred the Resolve "Relative to the pay of H. A. Marsh," reported,

That the same ought to pass.

Mr. Ritchie, from the Committee on Railways and Canals, to whom was referred the Senate Bill, "In addition to an Act to incorporate the Dorchester Avenue Railroad Company," reported,

That the same ought to pass. Also,

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate Bill, "In addition to an Act concerning the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad Company," reported,

That the same ought to pass. Also,

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Senate Bill, "In addition to an Act to incorporate the Broadway Railroad Company," reported,

That the same ought to pass.

The Bills were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Engrossed Bills,

"To authorize David Low to extend the Wharf belonging to the Heirs of George Parkhurst, deceased,"

"To authorize the Directors of Liberty Hall Association to purchase and hold additional Real Estate,"

"To establish and confirm the Boundary Line between the Town of Chilmark and the Indians of Gay Head,"

"To confirm the title of certain Lands in Tisbury to Jemima Easton and her Heirs, and other Indians of Deep Bottom,"

"To authorize Benjamin H. Breitt and Barnabas Young to build a Wharf,"

"To incorporate the Abington Mutual Fire Insurance Company,"

"To authorize the Selectmen of Wellfleet to build a Bridge,"

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Bill, "To authorize the appointment of Auditors and defining their powers,"

(Which originated in the Senate,)

Was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Senate Order, relative to the distribution of Public Documents to Library Associations, was taken up, and on motion of Mr. Taft, of Uxbridge, indefinitely postponed.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the unfinished business of the morning session, to wit: Bill, "To repeal the four hundred and eighty-ninth chapter of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five," the question being on the amendment offered by Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, and then on passing the same to be engrossed. After debate, the Roll was called, and it appeared that one hundred and fifty-six members had answered in the affirmative, and one hundred and twenty-nine in the negative. So the

amendment was adopted. The question then recurred on ordering the Bill, as amended, to be engrossed, and on this question the Yeas and Nays were ordered, and the Roll having been called, it appeared that one hundred and fifty-six members had voted in the affirmative, and one hundred and twenty-three in the negative, and so the Bill was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill, "To repeal an Act to incorporate the Tremont Gas Light Company," was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve, "Providing for an Amendment to the Constitution relative to the Right of Suffrage," was taken from the table. Amendments were offered by Messrs. Fletcher, of Lowell, and Stoddard, of Worcester; pending which, the whole subject was specially assigned for consideration on Thursday, May twenty-ninth, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

Mr. Brayton, from the Committee on Bills in a Third Reading, on the Resolve, "In addition to a Resolve authorizing the Board of Education to appoint Agents," also,

On the Resolve, "Concerning the Pilgrim Society of Plymouth," reported,

That the same were incorrectly drawn, and that they be recommitted to the Committee on Education. The Reports were severally accepted, and the Resolves recommitted.

On motion of Mr. Clapp, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Conant, member from Scituate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Codman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Senate Bill, entitled, "An Act limiting the time for the Organization of Corporations," reported,

That the same ought to pass.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Senate Bill, "Relating to the Registry of Deeds for the Northern District of Middlesex," reported,

That the Bill ought to pass.

Severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Wilkinson, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred an Order of January fourteenth, relative to vacating Proceedings in Insolvency, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon. Also,

On the Order of March seventh, in relation to evidence of Debts against Estates of Insolvent Debtors, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon. Also,

On the Petition of Caroline C. Topham for Divorce, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon. Also,

On the Petition of Kinnicutt and Company, for a law regulating the Fees of Clerks of Insolvency, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon. Also,

On the Order relative to the Mortgages of Real Estate of Deceased Persons, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Severally accepted.

Also, the same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the amended Senate Bill, "In relation to Insolvent Debtors," reported

That the same ought to pass.

The Bill was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading. Also,

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Petition of Job T. Wilson, in relation to Lands escheated to the State, reported,

That the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Also,

On the Bill, "Concerning the Taxation of Minor Children," reported,

That the same ought to pass.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill, "To incorporate the South Berkshire Institute Corporation," was read, and ordered to a second reading.

Bill, "In addition to an Act to Protect the Fishery in Ipswich River," approved February thirteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, which was adopted, in concurrence.

The Order relative to printing extra copies of the State Census, came down from the Senate with the endorsement, "non-concurred." The House insisted on its original Order.

The Engrossed Bills,

“To incorporate the Trustees of the Funds of the Trinity Church in Bridgewater,”

“In addition to an Act to incorporate the Lynn Library Association,”

“In relation to certain proceedings in the Probate Courts,”

“Relating to the Recording of Attachments,”

“To incorporate the Ladies’ Benevolent Society of Newbury,”

“To incorporate the Independent Benevolent Society of Newburyport,”

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Resolves,

On the Petition of Charlotte A. Woods, of Lancaster, in the County of Worcester, Guardian,”

“On the Petition of Augustus Wheeler, and Lucy Wheeler, his wife,”

“ In relation to Accounts against the Commonwealth,”

Were severally passed, and sent to the Senate.

Bills,

“ Concerning Beaches in the Town of Swampscott,”

“ To incorporate the Worcester Peat Company,”

“ Relating to the Organization of Corporations for Educational, Charitable and Religious Purposes,”

“ To amend the Charter of the City of Lowell,”

“ To incorporate the Nantucket Propeller Company,”

“ Concerning General Fields,”

(Which severally originated in the Senate,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Resolve, “ Relating to Lands in the Back Bay,”

(Which originated in the Senate,)

Was passed, and sent to the Senate.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and on motion of Mr. Ritchie, of Boston, Bills in their Third Reading, were first considered in their order.

Bills,

“To provide for the election of Clerks of Police Courts,”

“In addition to an Act concerning the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad Company,”

“To repeal an Act to incorporate the Tremont Gas Light Company,”

“In addition to an Act concerning Probate Courts in the County of Dukes,”

“Concerning the Charles River and Warren Bridges,”

“To fix the Salary of the District-Attorney of the South-Eastern District,”

“Relating to the obtaining of Property by False Pretences,”

“Relating to the Public Cemetery of the City of Roxbury,”

“Concerning the Essex Merrimack Bridge,”

“ In addition to an Act to establish a Police Court in the Town of Milford,”

“ To incorporate the Shelburne Falls Bank,”

“ To incorporate the Wamsutta Bank,”

“ To incorporate the Brookline Hotel Company,”

“ To incorporate the Plymouth Library,”

“ Changing the time of holding a Term of the Probate Court in the County of Bristol,”

“ In addition to an Act to increase the Capital Stock of the Adams Bank,”

“ In addition to an Act to incorporate the Malden and Melrose Gas Light Company,”

“ To incorporate the Homœopathic Medical Society,”

“ Changing the time of holding a Probate Court at Groton, in the County of Middlesex,”

“ To incorporate the Agawam Bridge,” and

The Resolves,

“ In favor of H. A. Marsh,”

“In favor of the State Reform School for Boys, at Westborough,”

“In addition to a Resolve authorizing the Board of Education to appoint Agents,”

“Providing for the Pay of the Council, Senate and House of Representatives,”

“In favor of Isaiah Stoddard,”

“On the Petition of Lydia V. Dickson, that she may receive the Personal Estate of Elizabeth Lewis, deceased,”

“In favor of the Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth,”

“Concerning the Pilgrim Society of Plymouth,”

“On the Petition of George O. Fairbanks and others, of Fall River,”

“In aid of the New England School of Design for Women,”

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills,

“In relation to the Cape Cod Branch Railroad Company,”

“ Concerning the election of Representatives in Congress,”

“ To incorporate the Boston and New Orleans Steamship Company,”

“ Determining the Boundary Line between Danvers and South Danvers,”

“ To incorporate the Phillips Wharf Company in Salem,”

“ In addition to an Act relative to Superintendents of Schools,”

“ Concerning the Sale of Onions in this Commonwealth,”

“ Extending the time for the construction of the Agricultural Branch Railroad,”

“ In addition to an Act to incorporate the Williston Seminary,”

“ To protect the Fishery in Pleasant Bay,”

“ To authorize the Selectmen of Eastham to build a Bridge across Boat Meadow River,”

“ To enable the Proprietors of certain Lands in Northampton to protect the same against Inundation,”

“ In relation to the Salary of the District-Attorney of the Middle District,” and

“ Establishing Boards of Trustees for the State Lunatic Hospitals, and in addition to the Acts concerning Lunatic Hospitals,”

“ To secure uniformity of Fees in the Courts of this Commonwealth,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Resolves,

“ Concerning the Franking Privilege and Cheap Postage,”

“ Providing for the appointment of Commissioners on State Paupers,” and

“ In relation to a Road over River Head Beach,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Swallow, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Case, of Springfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll be instructed to make up the pay and mileage of Willis Phelps to this date.

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Mr. Merwin, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, on the Act in addition to an Act limiting Suits against Executors and Administrators to two years, reported,

That the same, as amended by the Senate, ought not to pass.

The Report was accepted, and the Bill rejected.

Mr. Crane, from the Committee on Leave of Absence, reported,

That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Phelps, of Springfield, for the remainder of the session from this day.

Accepted.

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an Order relating to the authority of School Committees as to the occupancy of School-houses, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon. Also,

On an Order relating to the Assessment of School Tax, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Severally accepted.

Mr. Merwin, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, on the Order of February eighteenth, relative to the expediency of amending section eighth, chapter three hundred and twenty-seven, of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon. Also,

On the Order of January twenty-fifth, relative to the repeal of chapter three hundred and twenty-second of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon. Also,

On the Order of April fourth, in relation to providing by law, for the testamentary appointment of Guardians by Widows, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon. Also,

On the Order relative to the assignment of Dower and the payment of Rents and Profits to Widows, out of the Estates of deceased Husbands, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Severally accepted.

Mr. Dyer, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the Order of Mr. Vose, of Boston, relative to the Compensation of the Door-keepers, Messengers, and Pages, for filing the legislative documents of the present session, reported

A Resolve, "Relating to the Compensation of the Door-keepers, Messengers and Pages of the General Court."

Mr. Devereux, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate Bill, "To prevent Waste," reported,

That the Bill ought to pass.

Read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Lamb, from the same committee, on the Senate Bill, "To establish additional Terms of the Court of Common Pleas in the County of Worcester, reported,

Asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The Bill was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Beal, from the Committee on Education, to whom was recommitted the Resolve, "In addition to a Resolve authorizing the Board of Education to appoint Agents," reported

The same in a new draft. Also,

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Resolves, "Concerning the Pilgrim Society of Plymouth," reported

The same in a new draft.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Austin, of Boston, on leave, introduced a Resolve, "To provide for the Expenses of the Insurance Commissioners," which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The Bill, "For the protection of the Fisheries on the South Shore and Bays, on the south side of Barnstable and District of Marshpee," was, on motion of Mr.

Crocker, of Barnstable, taken from the table, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading, and the vote having been taken, it was decided in the negative, and so the said Bill was refused a third reading. The original engrossed Senate Bill was then taken up, and passed to be enacted and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Bills,

“To punish Fraud by the Sale of Adulterated Milk,”

“To incorporate the Farm Pond Fishing Company,”

(Which severally originated in the Senate,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the Bill, “Providing remedies for persons injured by the maintenance of the Essex Company’s Dam,” was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Mayo, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Conant, member from Scituate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

On motion of Mr. C. Hale, of Boston,

· Ordered, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth be requested, to prepare a brief statement of the causes of the deficiencies in the Returns of the Statistics of Industry, and the best means of preventing ~~their~~ recurrence by future legislation, and that the same be printed.

Mr. Austin, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to whom was referred the Resolve, "In favor of the Insurance Commissioners," reported,

That the Resolves ought to pass.

Read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Codman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate Bill, "Concerning the Superior Court and the Court of Common Pleas," with the Senate amendment thereto, reported,

That the same ought to pass.

The amendment was adopted, in concurrence.

Mr. Littlefield, of Foxboro', on leave, introduced a Bill, "To secure the Overseers of Harvard College their rights under the Charter of said College," which, on motion, was referred to the next General Court.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, in concurrence, That the volume of the Debates of the Convention of one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, now in course of publication by the Commonwealth, be committed to the Sergeant-at-Arms for distribution, as follows:—One copy to be furnished to the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor, respectively, and to each member of the Executive Council for the present political year, the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Clerks, Chaplains and Reporters of the two Branches, and the Office of the Sergeant-at-Arms Department. Also, one copy to the Executive Department, and one to each of the Departments of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the Treasurer, Auditor,

Attorney-General and Adjutant-General; also, that one hundred copies be deposited with the Librarian of the State Library, and three hundred copies with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, for distribution as they shall see fit.

Reports, "leave to withdraw" on the Petition of Edmond Smith and others; and

"Reference to the next General Court," on the Petition of H. W. Benchley and others; and

The Resolve, "On the Overseers of the Poor for the Town of Danvers;" and

Bill, "Authorizing the County Commissioners of the County of Middlesex to lay out certain Bridges as a portion of the Public Highway,"

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill, "In addition to an Act concerning Beaches in the Town of North Chelsea," came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with certain amendments; pending which, the whole matter was referred to the next General Court, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill, "In addition to an Act concerning Judges of Probate," came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, which was adopted, in concurrence.

Bill, "In addition to the several Acts for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, and the more equal distribution of their Effects," came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, which was adopted, in concurrence.

Bills,

"To change the Name of the Amesbury Street Baptist Society, and to legalize their doings,"

"To incorporate the Society for the relief of Aged Women in Salem,"

"To incorporate the Titicut Academy of Middleboro',"

"To authorize Donald McKay to build a Wharf,"
and

"To authorize Luther Drew to build a Wharf,"

Were severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Bill, "To incorporate the Northampton Hotel Company," was read twice, under a suspension of the Rules, and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, the Bill, "To promote the Public Safety and Convenience by a Bridge at the intersection of the Boston and Lowell, the Fitchburg and the Grand Junction Railroads in Somerville," was taken from the table, and placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Engrossed Bills,

"To incorporate the Ladies' Howard Society of Nantucket,"

"In relation to the Assessment and Collection of Taxes,"

"To apportion and assess a Tax of Five Hundred and Ninety-nine Thousand and Eighty-two dollars,"

"Authorizing the County Commissioners of Essex County to lay out a Highway and to cause a Bridge to be built across Bass River, in the Town of Beverly,"

"Authorizing the County Commissioners of the County of Bristol to lay out a Highway and construct a Bridge over Skunk Creek, in the Town of Somerset,"

"In aid of the Lebanon Springs Aqueduct Company,"

"To incorporate the Children's Home and Home for Aged Females, in Roxbury,"

“ Making provision for the Unfunded Debt of the Commonwealth,”

“ To incorporate the Massachusetts School of Agriculture,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,) and

“ To incorporate the Boston and New Orleans Steamship Company,”

“ In addition to an Act concerning the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad Company,”

“ To protect the Fishery in Pleasant Bay,”

“ Concerning the Sale of Onions in this Commonwealth,”

“ In addition to an Act relative to Superintendents of Schools,”

“ Extending the time for the construction of the Agricultural Branch Railroad,”

“ Authorizing the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company to change its location,”

“Concerning the election of Representatives in Congress,”

“Confirming the Union of the Charles River Railroad Company and the New York and Boston Railroad Company, and extending the time for locating and constructing the same,”

“Determining the Boundary Lines between Danvers and South Danvers,”

“To incorporate the Phillips Wharf Company in Salem,”

“To authorize the Selectmen of Eastham to build a Bridge across Boat Meadow River,”

“To repeal an Act to incorporate the Tremont Gas Light Company,”

(Which severally originated in the Senate,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Resolves,

“To authorize the Secretary of the Commonwealth to furnish certain documents,”

“ In relation to Town Lines between the Towns of South Scituate and Hanover,”

“ Concerning the recent assault upon the Hon. Charles Sumner,”

(Which severally originated in the Senate,)

Were severally passed, and sent to the Senate.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the Bill, “ Concerning that portion of the Fitchburg Railroad originally belonging to the Charlestown Branch Railroad Company, and concerning the Rights of the Owners of Lands and Wharves crossed thereby,” was taken up, the question being on passing the same to a third reading; pending which, on motion, the same was indefinitely postponed.

Pursuant to assignment, the House proceeded to the consideration of the Resolve, “ Providing for an Amendment to the Constitution relative to the Right of Suffrage,” the question being on the amendments offered

by Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, and Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, and then on agreeing to the Resolve as provided by the Constitution ; pending which,

On motion of Mr. Hammond, of Nantucket,

The House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Parsons, of Northampton,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll be instructed to make up the Pay and Mileage of Daniel Kingsley, of Northampton, to date.

On motion of Mr. Cooley, of Conway,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll be instructed to make up the Pay and Mileage of Harrison Whitney up to and including the thirty-first instant.

On motion of Mr. Knight, of Marblehead,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll consider the expediency of reporting a Resolve, "Providing for the payment of the extra clerk hire of the House of Representatives."

Mr. Crane, from the Committee on Leave of Absence, reported,

That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Kingsley, of Northampton, for the remainder of the session from the thirty-first instant.

Accepted.

The Resolve, "Providing for the Pay of the Council, Senate, and House of Representatives," came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, which was adopted, in concurrence.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the Resolve, "Providing for an Amendment to the Constitution in relation to the Right of Suffrage," the question being on the amendments offered by Messrs. Fletcher, of Lowell, and Stoddard, of Worcester; pending which, on motion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, the whole subject was specially assigned for further consideration on Friday next, at ten o'clock, A. M., and the hour of eleven o'clock, of the same day, was assigned as the hour for taking the question.

Bill, "In addition to an Act authorizing the County Commissioners of the County of Barnstable to lay out a Highway and construct a Bridge over East Harbor," was read a second time, amended, and ordered to a third reading.

The Report of the Committee on Public Buildings, and the Resolve, "For Repairs and Alteration on the State House," were severally referred to the next General Court.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill, "To divide the Commonwealth into Districts for the choice of the Council," was amended, on motion of Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, and Mr. Littlefield, of Foxboro'. The Yeas and Nays were ordered on the Main Question, which was on ordering the Bill, as amended, to a third reading; pending which, the same was laid on the table.

The Resolves, "In favor of Ansel Wright and George F. Wright, of Northampton, Deputy-Sheriffs," was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill, "To protect the Fisheries in the Town of Edgartown," was read a second time, amended, and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve, "In relation to the Massachusetts Records," was read a second time, amended, and ordered to a third reading.

On motion,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Mr. Burt, member from Lowell.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Russell, of Salem, presented the Petition of John P. Andrews, of Salem, for the recall of our Senators and Representatives from Washington.

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Morris, of Nantucket,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance inquire and report, what sum is necessary to be appropriated for the current year, to defray the contingent expenses of the Executive Council, General Court, and the several officers of the State House.

Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, on leave, introduced a Bill, "Relating to the Board of Commissioners on Alien Passengers and State Paupers," which was read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. C. Hale, on leave, introduced a Resolve, "In aid of the People of Kansas," which was referred to a select

committee, consisting of five, and the Speaker appointed as said committee, the following gentlemen, viz.:—

Messrs. C. Hale, of Boston,
Fletcher, of Lowell,
Stoddard, of Worcester,
Briggs, of Pittsfield, and
Morrill, of Fall River.

A Communication was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, transmitting in print, an Abstract of the votes of the People in the several Cities and Towns, for and against the Amendments to the Constitution, at the election in May last.

On motion of Mr. Conley, of Boston, the Bill, “For the Improvement of the Northerly Shore of South Boston,” was taken from the table, and after debate, indefinitely postponed.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill, “To repeal an Act entitled an Act to regulate the Paving of Streets in the Town of Boston,” was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Report, “leave to withdraw,” on the Petition of William H. Comstock and others, was accepted, in concurrence.

Bill, "Concerning the location of the Eastern Railroad," was laid on the table.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and on motion, the undebatable matters were first considered.

Bills,

"To authorize Donald McKay to build a Wharf,"

"To incorporate the Titicut Academy of Middleborough,"

"To incorporate the Society for the relief of Aged Women in Salem,"

"To authorize Luther Drew to build a Wharf,"

"To change the Name of the Amesbury Street Baptist Society, and to legalize their doings,"

"To authorize the Boston and Maine Railroad Company to re-locate a portion of their Road in the City of Lawrence," (as amended,)

"Concerning applications for Special Legislation," and

Resolve, "Relating to the Compensation of the Doorkeepers, Messengers and Pages of the General Court,"

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Bills,

“ In addition to an Act to incorporate the Broadway Railroad Company,”

“ To incorporate the Globe Insurance Company,”

“ Authorizing the Towns of Truro and Provincetown to construct a Bridge over East Harbor,” and

Resolves,

“ In relation to the Massachusetts Records,”

“ In favor of Ansel Wright and George F. Wright, of Northampton,”

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bills,

“ To incorporate the Hancock Mutual Fire Insurance Company,”

“ In relation to Insolvent Debtors,”

“ To incorporate the South Berkshire Institute Association,”

“ Relating to the Registry of Deeds for the Northern District of Middlesex,”

“ Limiting the time for the Organization of Corporations,”

“ To prevent Waste,”

“ To protect the Fisheries in the Town of Edgartown,”

“ To incorporate the Northampton Hotel Company,”

Were severally read a third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Orders of the Day were laid on the table.

The Engrossed Bills,

“ To secure uniformity of Fees in this Commonwealth,”

“ In addition to an Act to incorporate the Williston Seminary,”

In relation to the Salary of the District-Attorney of the Middle District,”

(Which severally originated in the Senate,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

Resolves,

“ In relation to the Territory of Kansas,”

“ Concerning the Franking Privilege and Cheap Postage,”

(Which originated in the Senate,)

Were severally passed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve, “ In favor of the Department of State,”

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Was passed, and sent to the Senate.

Pursuant to Assignment, the House proceeded to the consideration of the Resolve, “ Providing for an Amendment to the Constitution relative to the Right of Suffrage,” the question being on the amendments offered by Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, and Stoddard, of Worcester, and then on agreeing to the Resolve, as provided by the Constitution. After debate, the amendments were adopted, and the Roll having been called, it appeared that two hundred and eight members had voted in the affirmative, and seventy-eight in the negative. And two-thirds of

the members present and voting thereon, having voted in favor thereof, the said Resolve and Article of Amendment was agreed to, and referred to the next General Court, and was sent up for concurrence.

Said Resolve and Article of Amendment are as follows:—

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Six.

R E S O L V E

Providing for an Amendment to the Constitution relative to the Right of Suffrage.

Resolved, By both Houses, (the same being agreed to by a majority of the Senators, and two-thirds of the members of the House of Representatives present and voting thereon):—

That it is expedient to alter the Constitution of the Commonwealth, by adopting the subjoined Article of Amendment, and that the same as thus agreed to, be entered upon the Journals of the two Houses, with the Yeas and Nays taken thereon, and referred to the Gen-

eral Court next to be chosen ; and that the same be published, to the end that, if agreed to by the General Court next to be chosen, in the manner provided by the Constitution, it may be submitted to the people for their ratification, in order that it may become a part of the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

No person of foreign birth shall be entitled to vote, or shall be eligible to office under the Constitution of this Commonwealth, unless he shall have been a resident within the jurisdiction of the United States fourteen years, and legally naturalized ; or, unless at his birth, he shall have been the child of an American citizen: *Provided*, that the adoption of this amendment shall not affect the right to vote which any person of foreign birth may possess at the time of the adoption thereof.

The Yeas and Nays, on agreeing to said Resolve and Article of Amendment, are as follows:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Abercrombie

Allen, J.

Andrews

Arnold

Messrs. Ashley

Austin

Babcock

Baldwin

Messrs. Barrows

Batchelder, G.

Batchelder, S.

Baxter, W. W.

Beal, G., Jr.

Belden

Blair

Blake

Bliss

Blood

Boeworth

Bowker

Boyce

Brayton

Brewster

Briggs, E.

Briggs, H. S.

Brooks

Burt

Calef

Chamberlain

Child

Childs

Clapp

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Curtis

Davenport

Davis, J.

Dennie

Devereux

Dewey

Dupee

Dyer, D.

Dyer, M., Jr.

Earl

Eastman

Emery

Endicott

Estes

Evans

Farrington

Faulkner

Felch

Fenno

Fessenden

Flagg

Fletcher

Floyd

Ford

Freeman

French

Fuller

Gale

Gavitt

Gay

Gilbert

Messrs. Godfrey

Goff
Gould
Goulding
Goss
Gray, J.
Guilford
Hagar
Hall, F.
Hall, S. W.
Hammond, A. B.
Hard
Harding
Hartwell
Hawkes
Haynes
Healy
Hero
Herrick
Heustis
Hicks
Hildreth
Hills
Holbrook, A.
Holbrook, J. E.
Homer
Howes
Huse
Ingalls
Jacobs
Johnson, J.
Johnson, J. P.

Messrs. Johnson, W. F.

Jones, Jona.
Jones, P. C.
Keith, E.
Keith, P.
Leach
Lewis, D. J.
Lewis, J. S.
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Nickerson
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Oliver
Orcutt
Paine
Parsons, E. T.
Partridge
Pearce
Phelps, C. A.
Phelps, H., Jr.

Messrs. Phelps, S. H.

Pike
Pitman
Pollard
Porter
Pratt, A., Jr.
Pratt, C. M.
Pratt, J., 2d.
Putnam
Read
Reed
Rhoades
Robbins
Robinson, E. R.
Robinson, J.
Robinson, S. W.
Roby
Rockwood
Rogers, C. O.
Russell, G. W.
Russell, J. W.
Sawyer, J., 2d.
Shaw
Shepard
Slade
Smith, B. M.
Smith, Heman
Smith, Hiram
Smith, S. H. Jr.,
Smith, W.
Snow
Southworth

Messrs. Sparrell

Standish
Staples
Stoddard
Stone
Story, I.
Story, S.
Swallow
Taft, C. A.
Taft, P. W.
Tagart
Taggart
Temple, A. H.
Temple, J. H.
Tenney, J.
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Titcomb
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Vinson
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Wheeler, A. B.

Messrs. Wheeler, L.**White, M.****White, T. S.****Whitney, H. G.****Messrs. Whitney, O., Jr.****Whiton .****Williams, J. O.****Williams, P. S.****Nays.****Messrs. Adams, E.****Allen, S.****Armington****Barney****Bates****Baxter, J. A.****Beal, J. H.****Brown****Burbank****Case****Chapin****Converse, A. L.****Converse, W. B.****Crane****Crossman****Davis, A.****Dean****Dunton****Edwards****Emerson****Foster****Frye****Gardner****Gaston****Gray, E.****Messrs. Hale, C.****Hale, T. P.****Hammond, E.****Handley****Haviland****Howard****Ingraham****Jenkins****Knight****Lawrence, A. L.****Loring, Harrison****Lunt****Makepeace****Manning****Manson****Marble****Merwin****Mixer****Morrisy****Newhall****Nutter****Parsons, S. L.****Phillips****Plummer****Pomeroy**

Messrs. Poor

Pratt, I.
Rice
Ritchie
Robinson, W.
Rogers, J. W.
Sawyer, M., 2d.
Sever
Smith, M.
Stratton
Taylor, C.
Tarbell
Tenney, G. I.
Thurston

Messrs. Tilton

Torrey
Walker
Ward
Warren
Webb
Webber
West
Weston
Wilcox
Wilkinson
Willard
Woodcock
Worcester

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and Mr. Fessenden, of West Cambridge, moved the indefinite postponement of the Bill, "Concerning the Cambridge Water Works;" pending which,

On motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Taggart, of Haverhill, presented the Petition of A. M. Coburn and others, praying for action requisite to protect our Senators and Representatives in Congress from personal violence.

Mr. Davis, of Westport, presented the Remonstrance of Perry Davis against the Petition of H. N. Green.

Severally laid on the table.

Mr. Williams, of Boston, from the Committee on the Pay Roll, to whom was referred the Order relative to extra clerk hire, reported

A Resolve, "Relative to extra clerk hire."

Read, and ordered to a second reading.

The Committee on Education, to whom was recommended the Bill, "To change the Name of the Trustees of the Brimfield Free Grammar School," reported

The same in a new draft.

Read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Sever, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Senate Resolve, "Concerning the Journals and Papers of the Senate," reported

That the same ought to pass, with amendments.

Placed in the Orders of the Day.

The Engrossed Bills,

"In addition to the several Acts for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, and the more equal distribution of their Effects,"

"In addition to the several Acts for the Protection of the Fisheries in Ipswich River,"

"To incorporate the Massachusetts Homœopathic Medical Society,"

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Resolves,

"In favor of the Massachusetts State Prison,"

"On the Petition of George O. Fairbanks and others, of Fall River,"

“Providing for the Pay of the Council, Senate, and House of Representatives,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed, and sent to the Senate.

Bills,

“To enable the Proprietors of certain Lands in Northampton to protect the same against Inundations,”

“Establishing Boards of Trustees for the State Lunatic Hospitals, and in addition to the Acts concerning Lunatic Hospitals,”

“For the better protection of the Public at Railroad Crossings,”

(Which severally originated in the Senate,)

Were passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the unfinished business of the morning, to wit: Bill, “Concerning the Cambridge Water Works.” After debate, the question was taken, and the motion to indefinitely postpone was lost, and the Bill was ordered to a third reading.

The Orders of the Day were then laid on the table, and Mr. C. Hale, from the select committee, to whom was referred the Resolve, "In aid of the People of Kansas," reported

The Resolve in a new draft, which, under a suspension of the Rules, was read a second time; and, pending the question of ordering the Resolve to a third reading, Mr. Story, of Somerville, offered an amendment. On motion of Mr. Vose, of Boston, the Yeas and Nays were ordered on the Main Question; pending which, on motion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, the whole subject was postponed until to-morrow, at ten o'clock, A. M., and eleven o'clock, A. M., was assigned as the hour for taking the Main Question.

On motion of Mr. Orcutt, of Chelsea, the Bill, "To divide the Commonwealth into Districts for the choice of Councillors," was taken from the table, read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Gilbert, of New Bedford,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Conant, of Scituate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Crane, from the Committee on Leave of Absence, reported,

That leave of absence be granted to Messrs. Whitney, of Westminster, and Lovett, of Charlestown, for the remainder of the session, from and after this day.

Accepted.

Papers from the Senate.

Report "inexpedient to legislate," on the Order of May fifth, relative to Libraries, was accepted, in concurrence.

Bill, "In addition to an Act to incorporate the Dorchester Avenue Railroad Company," came down amended, and the House concurred in the amendment.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and

Bills,

“To set off a part of Salem and Marblehead to Swampscott,”

“To incorporate the Malden and Melrose Railroad Company,”

“Providing for an Ornithological Survey of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,”

Were severally referred to the next General Court.

Bills,

“To authorize the Agent of the Charles River and Warren Bridges to lease a Wharf adjoining Warren Bridge,”

“To prevent Fraud in the Measurement of Wood,”

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Report of the Committee on the Petitions of Edward W. Hinks and William M. Cornell, was, on motion, laid on the table.

The Report of the Joint Special Committee, in relation to the Fishways on the Merrimack River, was then taken up, the question being on the substitute offered by Mr. Phelps, of Lowell; pending which, the Special Assignment of this day and hour was taken up, the same being the Resolve, "For the Relief of the Sons and Daughters of Massachusetts, in Kansas," the question being on the amendment offered by Mr. Story, of Somerville, which, by consent, was withdrawn. Mr. Wilkinson, of Dedham, offered an amendment to the Resolve, to which an amendment was offered by Mr. Codman, of Boston, which was accepted. The question then recurring on the amendment, the Yeas and Nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. Fenno, of North Chelsea, and the Roll having been called, it appeared that one hundred and twenty members had voted in the affirmative, and one hundred and fifty-six in the negative; so the amendment was rejected. The question then recurred on ordering the Resolve to a third reading, and the Roll having been called, it appeared that one hundred and eighty-three members had voted in the affirmative, and ninety-two in the negative; so said Resolve was ordered to a third

reading. The Orders of the Day were then laid on the table, and under a suspension of the Rules, the Resolve was read a third time; and, pending the question of passing the Resolve to be engrossed, the Yeas and Nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. Orcutt, of Chelsea. Subsequently, Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, moved a reconsideration of the same, which was carried.

Mr. Fenno, of North Chelsea, raised a point of order: that one-fifth of the members present and voting, having the right to order the Yeas and Nays, four-fifths and one over were necessary to reconsider the same. The Speaker ruled that a majority only was necessary to reconsider the vote; whereupon, Mr. Fenno appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the question having been stated, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?" it was decided in the affirmative. On motion of Mr. Hammond, of Nantucket, the Yeas and Nays were then ordered on the pending question; before taking which, the whole subject was laid on the table.

The Engrossed Bills,

"To fix the Salary of the District-Attorney for the South-eastern District,"

“To amend an Act entitled an Act in addition to an Act to establish the City of Worcester,”

“In addition to an Act to establish a Police Court in the Town of Milford,”

“Changing the time of holding a Term of the Probate Court in the County of Bristol,”

“In addition to an Act concerning Probate Courts in the County of Dukes,”

“To incorporate the Plymouth Library,”

“Concerning the planting of Shade Trees,”

“To incorporate the General Charitable Society in Newburyport,”

“In relation to the Returns of Votes,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Bill, “Concerning Insurance Companies,”

(Which originated in the Senate,)

Was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Bill, "In addition to an Act to incorporate the Malden and Melrose Gas Light Company," was recommitted to the Committee on Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Jones, of Reading,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of Saturday was read.

Mr. Stone, of Charlestown, presented the Remonstrance of the Selectmen of Medford, against the passage of the Bill, "To incorporate the Cambridge Water Works."

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. West, of Pittsfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll be instructed to make up the Mileage and Pay of Thomas G. Carson to the first day of May.

Mr. Stoddard, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Petition of the Mayor of the City of Worcester, relative to the Police Court, reported

That the same be referred to the next General Court.

Also, the same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Petition of Chickering and Sons and others, for

a law making the sale of Leased Personal Property by the Lessee, a penal offence, reported

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Severally accepted.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Petition of C. C. Hayward and others, reported

A Bill, "To establish a Police Court in the City of Charlestown."

Mr. Vose, of Boston, on leave, introduced a Resolve, "For Repairs on the State House."

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Andrews, of Danvers, on leave, introduced a Resolve, "In relation to Counsel Fees," before the Committee on Elections, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Codman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a Bill, "Relating to the Board of Commissioners on Alien Passengers and State Paupers," reported

That the Bill ought to pass.

Read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Oliver, of South Reading, the vote whereby the Bill, "To incorporate the Malden and Melrose Railroad Company," was referred to the next General Court, was reconsidered, and the Bill, after being amended, was ordered to a third reading.

Papers from the Senate.

Resolve, "In relation to certain Resolutions of the Legislature of Connecticut," was, under a suspension of the Rules, read three several times, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

A Bill, "In relation to the Cape Cod Railroad Company," came from the Senate, with the House amendment non-concurred in. On motion, the House adhered.

Ordered, in concurrence, That four thousand copies of the State Census of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

The Engrossed Bills,

"Relating to the Public Cemeteries of the City of Roxbury,"

"Concerning the Charles River and Warren Bridges,"

"In addition to an Act concerning Judges of Probate,"

“ To incorporate the Agawam Bridge Company,”

“ To incorporate the Brookline Hotel Company,”

“ To increase the Capital Stock of the Adams Bank,”

“ To authorize the Governor to appoint Commissioners of Deeds in foreign countries,”

“ Concerning the Essex Merrimack Bridge,”

“ To increase the Capital Stock of the Millbury Bank,”

“ Changing the time of holding a Probate Court in Groton, in the County of Middlesex,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Resolves,

“ In aid of the New England School of Design for Women,”

“ In favor of Isaiah Stoddard,”

“ Concerning the State Reform School for Boys, at Westborough,”

“ On the Petition of Lydia V. Dickson, praying that she may receive the personal estate of Elizabeth Lewis, deceased,”

“ Relative to the pay of Henry A. Marsh,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed, and sent to the Senate.

Bills,

“ In relation to Insolvent Debtors,”

“ In addition to an Act to incorporate the Broadway Railroad Company,”

“ Limiting the time for the Organization of Corporations,”

(Which originated in the Senate,)

Were passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the Report, “leave to withdraw,” on the Petition of the Danvers Railroad, was referred to the next General Court.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Report of the Joint Special Committee on the Fishways, in the Merrimack River, was next taken up, and the Bill, offered as a substitute by Mr. Hard, of Lowell, was adopted; and, under a suspension of the Rules, took its several readings, and was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve, "Concerning Lippincott's Pronouncing Gazetteer," was indefinitely postponed.

Bill, "To authorize the Commissioners of the County of Bristol to borrow Money, either to repair or to build a House of Correction," was next taken up, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading. Mr. Codman, of Boston, moved its reference to the next General Court; pending which,

On motion of Mr. Freeman, of Orleans,

The House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, of Lexington,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll be instructed to make up the Pay Roll to, and including, Saturday next.

Laid over under the Rule.

Mr. Hildreth, from the Committee on Manufactures, to whom was recommitted the Engrossed Bill, "To incorporate the Malden and Melrose Gas Light Company," reported,

That the Bill ought to pass. And the Bill,

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Burtt, of Lowell, on leave, introduced a Bill, "Authorizing the Courts to sentence certain persons to the State Almshouses."

Placed in the Orders of the Day.

Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, moved to take from the table the Resolves, "For the relief of the Sons and Daughters of Massachusetts, in Kansas," on which the Yeas and Nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. Russell, of Salem, and the Roll having been called, it appeared that one hundred and fifteen members had answered in the affirmative, and one hundred and five in the negative, so the motion was carried. The Resolve was then specially assigned for consideration on Tuesday next, at ten o'clock, A. M., and the hour of eleven o'clock, of the same day, was assigned for taking the question.

The Engrossed Bills, "To incorporate the Wamsutta Bank, in Fall River,"

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,"

Was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Resolve, "In relation to the Massachusetts Records,"

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Was passed, and sent to the Senate.

Bills,

“To incorporate the Northampton Hotel Company,”

“Relating to the Registry of Deeds for the Northern District of Middlesex,”

“To incorporate the South Berkshire Institute Association,”

“In addition to an Act to incorporate the Dorchester Avenue Railroad Company,”

“To prevent Waste,”

(Which severally originated in the Senate,)

Were passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the first matter being the Bill, “To authorize the County Commissioners of the County of Bristol to borrow Money, either to repair or to build a House of Correction,” the question being on its reference to the next General Court; which, after debate, was decided in the negative, and the Bill was then ordered to a third reading.

The Report that the Senate Bill, “Concerning Insolvent Debtors,” ought not to pass, was accepted, and the Bill was rejected.

The Report relative to Loan and Fund Associations, was laid on the table:

Bill, "Relating to Bank Balances and Bank Returns," was indefinitely postponed.

Bill, "Concerning the Harbor of Boston, Mystic River and Dorchester Bay," was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Conant, member from Scituate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

The Order of Mr. Robinson, of Lexington, of the second instant, relative to the Pay Roll, was taken up, and adopted.

Mr. Sever, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a Resolve, "In relation to Counsel Fees before the Committee on Elections," reported

That the same ought not to pass.

Accepted.

The Engrossed Bill, "To incorporate the Shelburne Falls Bank,"

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Resolve, "In favor of Ansel Wright, and George F. Wright, Deputy-Sheriffs of Northampton,"

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Was passed, and sent to the Senate.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the undebatable matters were first considered in their order.

Bills,

“Concerning the Indexing of Deeds,”

- “Concerning the Superior Court, and the Court of Common Pleas,” (amended,)

“To authorize Donald McKay to build a Wharf,”

“To authorize Luther Drew to build a Wharf,”

“To incorporate the Titticut Academy of Middleton,”

“To incorporate the Society for the relief of Aged Women in Salem,”

“To change the Name of the Amesbury Street Baptist Society, and to legalize their doings,”

“To authorize the Agent of the Charles River and Warren Bridges to lease a Wharf adjoining Warren Bridge,”

“To incorporate the Malden and Melrose Railroad Company,”

The Resolve, “Relating to the Compensation of the Door-keepers, Messengers and Pages of the General Court,”

Were severally read a third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill, “Concerning the Fitchburg Railroad Company,” was read a second time, amended, and ordered to a third reading.

Bill, “In addition to an Act concerning Lines in Boston Harbor,” and

Resolves, “Concerning the Printing for the Commonwealth,”

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Bill, “Establishing the Salaries of the Deputy-Warden and Clerk of the State Prison,” was indefinitely postponed.

Bill, “To protect Boston Harbor,” was read a second time, and refused a third reading.

The Special Assignment for this day and hour, was then taken up, the same being the Resolve, "For the relief of the Sons and Daughters of Massachusetts, in Kansas," the question being on passing the same to be engrossed. An amendment was offered by Mr. Partridge, of Winchendon, and pending the question, Mr. Crossman, of Springfield, moved to lay the whole subject on the table; and on this question the Yeas and Nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, and the Roll having been called, it appeared that one hundred and thirty-eight members had voted in the affirmative, and one hundred and twenty-seven in the negative. So the said Resolve was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Gilbert, of New Bedford,

The House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Briggs, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Order of Mr. Jones, of Chicopee, in relation to constituting each County a Criminal District, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Orders of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, and Mr. Lamb, of Greenfield, relating to the four hundred and forty-fourth chapter of the Acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, reported,

That the subject be referred to the next General Court.

Severally accepted.

Mr. Stoddard, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate Bill, "To repeal an Act entitled an Act to regulate the Paving of Streets in the Town of Boston, and for removing obstructions in the same," reported,

That the same ought to pass.

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Was passed, and sent to the Senate.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and the undebatable matters were first considered in their order.

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Were severally read a third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill, “ Concerning the Fitchburg Railroad Company,” was read a second time, amended, and ordered to a third reading.

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Resolves, “ Concerning the Printing for the Commonwealth,”

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

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On motion of Mr. Gilbert, of New Bedford,

The House

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That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Orders of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, and Mr. Lamb, of Greenfield, relating to the four hundred and forty-fourth chapter of the Acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, reported,

That the subject be referred to the next General Court.

Severally accepted.

Mr. Stoddard, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate Bill, "To repeal an Act entitled an Act to regulate the Paving of Streets in the Town of Boston, and for removing obstructions in the same," reported,

That the same ought to pass.

The Bill was rejected.

Mr. Briggs, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order of Mr. Hills, of Cambridge, relative to repealing chapter two hundred and twenty-three of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, relative to the Confinement of Idiots and Insane Persons, reported

A Bill, "To repeal chapter two hundred and twenty-three of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was recommitted the Senate Bill, "In addition to several Acts in relation to Registry and returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths," and the Order of Mr. Robinson, of Mansfield, relative to the same subject, reported

The same Bill in a new draft.

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

A Message was received from his Excellency the Governor, by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, covering certain Resolutions of the State of New Hampshire, relative to the Naturalization Laws, which were read, and laid on the table.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills,

“Amending the provisions of the twenty-ninth chapter of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two,” and

“In addition to the several Acts relating to Insolvent Debtors,” came down, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments, which were adopted, in concurrence.

The Engrossed Bills,

“Authorizing the Towns of Truro and Provincetown to construct a Bridge over East Harbor,”

“To fix the Salary of the District-Attorney for the South Eastern District,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Bills,

“To protect the Fishery in the Town of Edgartown,”

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll be instructed to make up the pay of William H. Bagley to the end of the session.

Mr. Codman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Bill, "Authorizing the Courts to sentence certain persons to the State Almshouse," reported

That the Bill ought not to pass. The Report was accepted, and the Bill rejected.

Mr. Sever, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Order of May thirtieth, relative to the sum necessary to defray the contingent expenses of the Executive Council, General Court, and officers in the State House, reported

A Resolve, "For the Payment of the Contingent Expenses of the Council, Legislature, and officers in the

State House for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six," which was read, and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill, "To incorporate the Globe Insurance Company," came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, in which the House non-concurred.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and

Bills,

"Concerning application for Special Legislation,"

"Relating to the Board of Commissioners on Alien Passengers and State Paupers,"

"Concerning the Fitchburg Railroad Company,"

Were severally passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

A Bill, "Concerning the Cambridge Water Works," was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Resolve, "To provide for the expenses of the Insurance Commissioners," was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

A Bill, "To authorize the Boston and Maine Railroad Company to re-locate a portion of its Road in the City of Lawrence," was read a second time, and refused a third reading.

A Bill, "To divide the Commonwealth into Districts for the Choice of Councillors," was then taken up, the question being on passing the same to be engrossed; pending which, on motion of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River, a new Bill was substituted, which was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills,

"In addition to the several Acts relating to Registry and Returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths,"

"To establish a Police Court in the City of Charlestown,"

"To change the Name of the Trustees of the Free Grammar School in Brimfield," and

Resolves,

"Authorizing the Board of Education to appoint Agents,"

"Relating to extra Clerk Hire,"

“ Concerning the Journals and Papers of the Senate,”

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River,

The House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Walker, of Roxbury, on leave, introduced a Resolve, "In favor of the State Almshouse at Bridgewater," which was referred to the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Mr. Littlefield, of Foxboro', on leave, introduced a Resolve, "Concerning the publication of the State Laws," which was referred to the Committee on Printing.

On motion of Mr. Littlefield, of Foxboro', the vote whereby the Resolve, "To provide for the expenses of the Insurance Commissioners," was passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered. The Resolve was then amended, and as amended, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Engrossed Bill, "To establish additional Terms of the Court of Common Pleas in the County of Worcester,"

(Which originated in the Senate,)

Was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

A Message was received from the Governor, by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, relative to the assault upon the Hon. Charles Sumner, in Congress, which was referred to a Joint Special Committee of five on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, and the Speaker took time to appoint.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill, "Amending the provisions of the twenty-ninth chapter of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two," was read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Bill, "In addition to the several Acts relating to Insolvent Debtors," was read, and referred to the Committee on Probate and Chancery.

The Engrossed Bill, "For the preservation of Fish in the Merrimack River,"

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, and
Bills,

"To prevent Fraud in the Measurement of Wood,"

“To authorize the Commissioners of the County of Bristol to borrow Money either to repair or to build a House of Correction,” (as amended,)

“Concerning the Harbor of Boston, Mystic River and Dorchester Bay,”

“In addition to an Act concerning Lines in Boston Harbor,”

“To protect Boston Harbor,”

“To promote the Public Safety and Convenience by a Bridge at the intersection of the Boston and Lowell, the Fitchburg, and the Grand Junction Railroads, in Somerville,”

Were severally read a third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bills,

“To establish a Police Court in the City of Charlestown,”

“In addition to the several Acts relating to the Registry of Births, Marriages and Deaths,”

Were severally indefinitely postponed.

• A Resolve, "Authorizing the Board of Education to appoint Agents," was rejected.

A Bill, "To repeal chapter two hundred and twenty-three of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six," was, under a suspension of the Rules, read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Resolves,

"For the Payment of the Contingent Expenses of the General Court,"

"Concerning Printing for the Commonwealth,"

"For repairs on the State House,"

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

A Resolve, "Concerning the Journals and Papers of the Senate," was read a third time, amended, passed to be engrossed, under a suspension of the Rules, and sent up for concurrence.

A Bill, "To incorporate the Trustees of the Free Grammar School in Brimfield," was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

A Resolve, "Relating to extra Clerk Hire," was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Austin, of Boston,

Ordered, That when this House adjourn, it be to meet on Thursday, at ten o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Mr. Dyer, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Taft, of Worcester, presented the Petition of John Purington and others, of Shrewsbury, which was laid on the table.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred the Petition of George H. Raymond for leave to sell Real Estate, reported,

That the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Mr. Codman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate Bill, "Amending the provisions of the twenty-ninth chapter of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three," reported,

That the same be referred to the next General Court.

Severally accepted.

Mr. Frye, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the Resolve, "In favor of the Proprietors of the Boston Daily Bee," reported,

That the same ought to pass, with an amendment.

Under a suspension of the Rules, the Report was accepted, and the Resolve, as amended, took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Robinson, from the Committee of Conference, to whom was referred the Bill, "Concerning the location of the Eastern Railroad," reported,

That the Bill ought to pass, with an amendment.

The amendment was adopted, and the Bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Baker, of Beverly, on leave, introduced a Resolve, "In aid of the New England School of Design for Women," which, under a suspension of the Rules, was read three times, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, the Resolves, "Concerning the Northerly Shore of South Boston," were taken from the table, and referred to the next Legislature.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Temple, of Framingham, under a suspension of the Rules, the vote whereby the Resolve,

“Authorizing the Board of Education to appoint Agents,” was refused a third reading, was reconsidered, and the Bill was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Speaker appointed the following members as the Committee on the Governor’s Message concerning the assault upon the Hon. Charles Sumner, in Congress, viz. :—

Messrs. Austin, of Boston,
 Morrisy, of Nantucket,
 Curtis, of South Scituate,
 Titcomb, of Lynnfield, and
 French, of Stoughton.

Papers from the Senate.

The Report on Bill, “Relative to the Election of School Committees,” was accepted, in concurrence.

Bill, “In relation to the Treasury of the Industrial School for Girls,” was referred to the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

The Engrossed Bills,

“To change the Name of the Amesbury Street Baptist Society, and to legalize their doings,”

“ To authorize Luther Drew to build a Wharf,”

“ Concerning the Superior Court in the County of Suffolk, and the Court of Common Pleas,”

“ To incorporate the Titicut Academy of Middleborough,”

“ To incorporate the Society for the relief of Aged Women in Salem,”

“ Concerning the Cambridge Water Works,”

(Which severally originated in the Senate,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Resolve, “ Relative to the Compensation of the Door-keepers and Pages of the General Court,”

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Was passed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, of Fall River,

Ordered, That when the House adjourn, it be to meet at three and one-half o'clock, this afternoon.

On motion of Mr. Sever, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell,

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to prepare, and cause to be printed, an Index of the printed Journal of the House. Also, an Appendix containing the Yeas and Nays taken during the present session.

On motion of Mr. Littlefield, of Foxboro',

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms, in connection with the Committee on Public Buildings, be directed to prepare and furnish a suitable room for the preservation of the Journals, Papers, and Documents of the House of Representatives, and for the use of the Clerk and the persons employed by him, immediately after the close of the present session, provided that the expense shall not exceed the sum of fifty dollars.

Mr. Codman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an Order relative to Bowling Alleys and Billiard Saloons, reported,

That the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. Thayer, from the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred the Bill, "In relation to the Treasurer of the State Reform School for Girls," reported,

That the Bill ought not to pass.

Mr. Pike, from the Committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred the Senate Bill, entitled "An Act in addition to the several Acts relating to Insolvent Debtors," reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Severally accepted.

Mr. Thayer, from the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred the Resolve, "In favor of the State Almshouse at Bridgewater," reported,

That the Resolve ought to pass.

The Resolve was read three times, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Engrossed Bills,

"In addition to an Act concerning Lines in Boston Harbor,"

“ To authorize Donald McKay to build a Wharf,”

“ To authorize the Agent of Charles River and Warren Bridges to lease a Wharf adjoining Warren Bridge,”

(Which severally originated in the Senate,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Bills,

“ To authorize the Commissioners of the County of Bristol to borrow Money either to repair or to build a House of Correction,”

“ To change the corporate name of the Trustees of the Brimfield Free Grammar School,”

“ Relating to the Board of Commissioners on Alien Passengers and State Paupers,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Resolves,

“For the Payment of the Contingent Expenses of the Council, Legislature, and officers in the State House, for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six,”

“To provide for the expenses of the Insurance Commissioners,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, of Lexington,

Ordered, That when this House adjourn, it be to meet to-morrow, at ten o'clock, A. M.

On motion,

The House

Adjourned.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Conant, of Scituate.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

The Joint Special Committee, to whom was recommended the Report of the Committee on the Message of His Excellency the Governor, relative to defraying the expenses of the illness of Hon. Charles Sumner, reported,

That it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Mr. Austin, from the same committee, presented a Minority Report, concluding with a Resolve, "Providing for the expenses of the sickness of Hon. Charles Sumner." Mr. Littlefield, of Foxboro', moved the substitution of the Resolve for the Report. Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, offered an amendment to the substitute; pending which, on motion of Mr. Devereux, of Salem, the whole subject was laid on the table.

The vote whereby the Report of the Committee on Probate and Chancery, on the Bill, "Relating to Insol-

vent Debtors," was accepted, was reconsidered, and the Bill was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill, "To establish a Police Court in the City of Charlestown," was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.



The Engrossed Bill, "Concerning the location of the Eastern Railroad,"

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Resolves,

"In addition to a Resolve authorizing the Board of Education to appoint Agents,"

"Concerning the publication of the State Laws,"

"Concerning the Pilgrim Society of Plymouth,"

"Relative to Extra Clerk Hire,"

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed, and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Bills,

“To divide the Commonwealth into Districts for the Choice of Councillors,”

“To incorporate the Malden and Melrose Railroad Company,”

“Concerning the Harbor of Boston, Mystic River, and Dorchester Bay,”

“To promote the Public Safety and Convenience by a Bridge at the intersection of the Boston and Lowell, the Fitchburg and Grand Junction Railroads, in Somerville,”

(Which originated in the Senate,)

Were passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Vose, of Boston,

Ordered, That when the House adjourn, it be to meet at two and one-half o'clock, this afternoon.

On motion of Mr. C. Hale, of Boston,

The House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Haynes, from the Committee on the Pay Roll, reported,

That the Pay Roll amounted to one hundred and fifty-six thousand seven hundred and ninety-one dollars.

The Report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Haynes, of Dorchester,

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid, out of the Treasury of the Commonwealth, to the members of the House of Representatives, for Travel and Attendance at the present session, the several sums set against their respective names, and that a warrant be drawn therefor.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill, "To protect Boston Harbor," came down, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, which was adopted, in concurrence.

The Orders of the Day were then taken up, the same being the Bill, "In relation to the several Acts relating

to Insolvent Debtors," which, on motion of Mr. Fletcher, of Lowell, was indefinitely postponed.

The Engrossed Bill, "Concerning the Indexing of Deeds,"

(Which originated in the House of Representatives,)

Was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Resolves,

"Concerning the Printing for the Commonwealth,"

"For repairs upon the State House,"

"In favor of the State Almshouse at Bridgewater,"

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,) and

"Concerning the Journals and Papers of the Senate,"

"In addition to a Resolve in aid of the New England School of Design for Women,"

(Which severally originated in the Senate,)

Were severally passed, and sent to the Senate.

The Engrossed Bills,

—
“To incorporate the Globe Insurance Company, in Boston,”

“To protect Boston Harbor,”

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives,)

Were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Ordered, in concurrence, That Messrs. Shaw, of Nantucket, Thacher, of Suffolk, and Batchelder, of Essex, on the part of the Senate, and

Messrs. Calef, of Boston,

Stoddard, of Worcester,

Morrill, of Fall River, and

Williams, of Hadley,

on the part of the House, be a Committee on the subject of Lands in the Back Bay, under a Resolve, “Concerning Lands in the Back Bay, approved May thirtieth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.”

Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, offered the following Resolve, which was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be, and they are hereby tendered, to the Hon. CHARLES A. PHELPS,

for the able, impartial and courteous manner in which he has presided over our deliberations, and we hereby extend to him our cordial wishes for his future happiness and welfare.

To which the Speaker replied as follows:—

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :—

I have no words with which to express to you my gratitude. Having never presided over any deliberative assembly until your partiality called me to this position, I stood here the first hour of the session filled with solicitude lest I should fail to deserve your approbation. I stand here at its last hour, oppressed with a sense of obligation for your unnumbered favors.

Those official duties in whose performance embarrassment and difficulty might have been anticipated, you have rendered congenial and pleasant.

Our labors, gentlemen, are drawing to a close. It has been said that no word ever spoken ceases to vibrate in the ever widening currents of sound. Certainly no word recorded here can cease to affect for long years, the Commonwealth in whose service we have labored. You have

not given one grace or beauty, or added one stone to the temple of justice and human rights, which will not endure long after we all shall have passed away. I remember, therefore, with pride and gratulation, that worthy aims and noble motives have guided your deliberations and controlled your actions. That though exciting questions have been discussed upon which widely different views were entertained, the debates of this body, without a single exception, have been conducted with manliness, dignity and decorum.

You will allow me to bear testimony, and I have pleasure in doing so, to the industry, ability and fidelity of the officers of the House—the Clerk and his assistants, the venerable Sergeant-at-Arms, the Pages and Messengers. You will agree with me that they, one and all, have performed their various duties in the most acceptable manner.

Death has not failed to admonish us “What shadows we are, and what shadows we pursue.” One who sat with us, at the beginning of the session, in the full vigor of manhood, is to-day absent. His seat is vacant, his lips are mute, he has passed on to the land of silence.

Soon we shall grasp the parting hand and speak the parting word. With you I return to the pursuits of private life. In all human probability we shall never all meet again, but I assure you, gentlemen, that the friendships here formed, and the many favors I have received at your hands, new every morning and fresh every evening, will be to me the sweetest memories I shall take into the vale of years. I can never see you, never hear your names, without a thrill of emotion! I am not aware that I have given cause of offence to any single gentleman of this body, but if, in moments of haste, or amid the pressure of business, I have spoken a word unadvisedly to any one, I here and now crave his forgiveness. With my last words I invoke upon you and yours the choicest of Heaven's blessings. Permit me once more to repeat the expression of my gratitude, and again to tender you my warmest thanks.

Mr. Thayer, of Boston, introduced the following Resolve, which was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That the faithful and courteous manner in which the Clerk and Assistant-Clerks of the House have discharged their respective duties, deserves, and hereby receives, our warmest thanks.

Ordered, in concurrence, That Messrs. Mills and D. Warren, on the part of the Senate, and

Messrs. Temple, of Framingham,
Thurston, of Lancaster,
Taft, of Worcester,
Lamb, of Greenfield, and
Austin, of Boston,

on the part of the House, be a committee to wait on the Governor and inform him that the two branches have passed on all the public business necessary to be acted on, and request him, with advice of Council, to prorogue them to the Tuesday next preceding the first Wednesday of January next. And the committee, subsequently, through their chairman, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that his Excellency was pleased to say that he would communicate with the two branches, through the Secretary of the Commonwealth, in compliance with the request of the Legislature, as soon as practicable.

And, soon after, the Secretary of the Commonwealth came in with a Message from the Governor, informing the House that his Excellency had officially approved three hundred and eighty Acts, and one hundred and

three Resolves, and that he had withheld his signature from one Act, and that it was his Excellency's pleasure, by and with the consent of the Council, and at the request of the two branches, to prorogue them to the Tuesday next preceding the first Wednesday in January next.

And at seven minutes before five o'clock, P. M., the General Court was accordingly prorogued.

W. E. P. HASKELL, *Clerk.*

M E M B E R S
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
1856.

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Abercrombie, Wyman, . . .	<i>Quincy.</i>
Adams, Edwin, . . .	<i>New Marlborough.</i>
Adams, Levi, . . .	<i>North Brookfield.</i>
Allen, Jeremiah, . . .	<i>Walpole.</i>
Allen, Sylvester, . . .	<i>Chicopee.</i>
Andrews, Israel W., . . .	<i>Danvers.</i>
Armington, Francis, . . .	<i>Seekonk.</i>
Arnold, Edward B., . . .	<i>Salem.</i>
Ashley, Job B., . . .	<i>Fall River.</i>
Austin, Milton, . . .	<i>Boston.</i>

B

Babcock, Samuel, . . .	<i>Milton.</i>
Bagley, Wm. H., . . .	<i>Salisbury.</i>
Baker, John I., . . .	<i>Beverly.</i>
Baldwin, John, . . .	<i>Wilbraham.</i>
Barney, William, . . .	<i>Nantucket.</i>
Barrows, William, . . .	<i>Easton.</i>
Batchelder, George, . . .	<i>Holliston.</i>
Batchelder, Samuel, . . .	<i>Chelsea.</i>
Bates, Lysander B., . . .	<i>Southampton.</i>

Baxter, John A.,	.	.	.	<i>Barnstable.</i>
Baxter, William W.,	.	.	.	<i>Quincy.</i>
Beal, George, Jr.,	.	.	.	<i>Cohasset.</i>
Beal, James H.,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Belden, Reuben H.,	.	.	.	<i>Hatfield.</i>
Blair, Samuel E.,	.	.	.	<i>Warren.</i>
Blake, Ebenezer N.,	.	.	.	<i>Woburn.</i>
Bliss, Harrison,	.	.	.	<i>Worcester.</i>
Blood, Lawson,	.	.	.	<i>Taunton.</i>
Bosworth, Hiram,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Bowker, Uriah,	.	.	.	<i>Hopkinton.</i>
Boyce, Enoch, Jr.,	.	.	.	<i>Berkley.</i>
Brayton, John S.,	.	.	.	<i>Fall River.</i>
Brewster, Osmyn,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Briggs, Elkanah,	.	.	.	<i>Attleboro'.</i>
Briggs, Henry S.,	.	.	.	<i>Pittsfield.</i>
Brooks, John H.,	.	.	.	<i>Worcester.</i>
Brown, Russell C.,	.	.	.	<i>Cheshire.</i>
Burbank, Robert I.,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Burrill, Isaac S.,	.	.	.	<i>Roxbury.</i>
Burt, Joseph M.,	.	.	.	<i>Lowell.</i>

C

Calef, H. G. K.,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Carson, Thomas G.,	.	.	.	<i>Dalton.</i>
Case, Horatio N.,	.	.	.	<i>Springfield.</i>
Chamberlain, John,	.	.	.	<i>Salem.</i>
Chapin, Nathaniel,	.	.	.	<i>Westfield.</i>
Child, Amos,	.	.	.	<i>West Boylston.</i>
Child, William P.,	.	.	.	<i>Waltham.</i>
Clapp, George P.,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Clifford, Weare,	.	.	.	<i>Lowell.</i>
Coburn, Joseph B. V.,	.	.	.	<i>Dracut.</i>
Codman, John,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Cole, Morrill,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Cole, Sumner,	.	.	.	<i>Sutton.</i>

Colton, Stephen T.,	.	.	.	<i>Longmeadow.</i>
Conant, Thomas,	.	.	.	<i>Scituate.</i>
Conley, Charles C.,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Converse, Alfred L.,	.	.	.	<i>Brimfield.</i>
Converse, W. B.,	.	.	.	<i>Monson.</i>
Cook, Jeremiah R.,	.	.	.	<i>Gloucester.</i>
Cooley, Edwin,	.	.	.	<i>Conway.</i>
Crane, George B.,	.	.	.	<i>Norton.</i>
Crocker, Nathan,	.	.	.	<i>Barnstable.</i>
Crosby, Caleb,	.	.	.	<i>Lowell.</i>
Crossman, William,	.	.	.	<i>Springfield.</i>
Curtis, Henry J.,	.	.	.	<i>South Scituate.</i>

D

Davenport, Samuel,	.	.	.	<i>Canton.</i>
Davis, Abiel,	.	.	.	<i>Westport.</i>
Davis, Jervis,	.	.	.	<i>Royalston.</i>
Dean, Adams Calhoun,	.	.	.	<i>Coleraine.</i>
Dennie, George,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Devereux, George H.,	.	.	.	<i>Salem.</i>
Dewey, Alonzo M.,	.	.	.	<i>Palmer.</i>
Dunton, Newton,	.	.	.	<i>Brookfield.</i>
Dupée, Charles,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Dyer, Daniel,	.	.	.	<i>Weymouth.</i>
Dyer, Micah, Jr.,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>

E

Earl, Benjamin S.,	.	.	.	<i>Swan'zey.</i>
Eastman, Baxter,	.	.	.	<i>Amherst.</i>
Edwards, John,	.	.	.	<i>Southbridge.</i>
Emerson, Charles,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Emery, James,	.	.	.	<i>Charlestown.</i>
Endicott, Lewis,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Estes, James,	.	.	.	<i>Ipswich,</i>
Evans, Dudley,	.	.	.	<i>Amesbury.</i>

F

Farrington, Charles W.,	.	.	<i>Wrentham.</i>
Faulkner, Horace,	.	.	<i>Clinton.</i>
Felch, Isaac,	.	.	<i>Natick.</i>
Fenno, John F.,	.	.	<i>North Chelsea.</i>
Fessenden, Nehemiah M.,	.	.	<i>West Cambridge.</i>
Flagg, Silas, Jr.,	.	.	<i>Holden.</i>
Fletcher, Luther J.,	.	.	<i>Lowell.</i>
Floyd, Thomas W.,	.	.	<i>Lawrence.</i>
Ford, Heman,	.	.	<i>West Stockbridge.</i>
Foster, Moses, Jr.,	.	.	<i>Andover.</i>
Freeland, Jonathan W.,	.	.	<i>West Springfield.</i>
Freeman, Josiah,	.	.	<i>Orleans.</i>
French, Charles A.,	.	.	<i>Stoughton.</i>
Frye, Isaac W.,	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Fuller, Jonathan,	.	.	<i>Needham.</i>

G

Gale, John,	.	.	<i>Lawrence.</i>
Gardner, Murlin,	.	.	<i>Duxbury.</i>
Gaston, William,	.	.	<i>Roxbury.</i>
Gavitt, George F.,	.	.	<i>Dighton.</i>
Gay, George W.,	.	.	<i>Sharon.</i>
Gilbert, Nathaniel,	.	.	<i>New Bedford.</i>
Godfrey, Job M.,	.	.	<i>Taunton.</i>
Goff, Nelson,	.	.	<i>Rehoboth.</i>
Gordon, Joseph Z.,	.	.	<i>West Newbury.</i>
Gould, Erasmus,	.	.	<i>Falmouth.</i>
Goulding, James I.,	.	.	<i>Athol.</i>
Goss, Lyman B.,	.	.	<i>Charlestown.</i>
Gray, Edward,	.	.	<i>Kingston.</i>
Gray, Joshua,	.	.	<i>Holyoke.</i>
Guild, James,	.	.	<i>Roxbury.</i>
Guilford, Manly,	.	.	<i>Ashfield.</i>

H

Hagar, Isaac,	<i>Newton.</i>
Hale, Charles,	<i>Boston.</i>
Hale, Theodore P.,	<i>Boston.</i>
Hall, Franklin,	<i>Cambridge.</i>
Hall, Samuel W.,	<i>Boston.</i>
Hammond, Amitta B.,	<i>Rochester.</i>
Hammond, Daniel,	<i>Boston.</i>
Hammond, Edward,	<i>Nantucket.</i>
Handley, Aaron C.,	<i>Acton.</i>
Hard, Charles F.,	<i>Lowell.</i>
Harding, Benjamin,	<i>Lawrence.</i>
Hartwell, George W.,	<i>Oxford.</i>
Haviland, Thomas,	<i>Boston.</i>
Hawkes, Elihu C.,	<i>Adams.</i>
Haynes, Gustavus E.,	<i>Dorchester.</i>
Healy, Lemuel,	<i>Dudley.</i>
Hero, Horace B.,	<i>Milford.</i>
Herrick, Zenas,	<i>Billerica.</i>
Heustis, William,	<i>Leominster.</i>
Hicks, John,	<i>New Bedford.</i>
Hildreth, Asa,	<i>Lowell.</i>
Hills, Henry S.,	<i>Cambridge.</i>
Hinds, Calvin P.,	<i>Boston.</i>
Holbrook, Abner,	<i>Weymouth.</i>
Holbrook, Joel E.,	<i>Braintree.</i>
Homer, Daniel,	<i>New Bedford.</i>
Howard, Calvin,	<i>Westford.</i>
Howe, Solomon A.,	<i>Orange.</i>
Howes, Joshua C.,	<i>Dennis.</i>
Huse, William H.,	<i>Newburyport.</i>

I

Ingalls, Joseph F.,	<i>Methuen.</i>
Ingraham, Dexter,	<i>South Hadley.</i>

J

Jacobs, John Y.,	.	.	.	<i>Wellfleet.</i>
Jenkins, Nathan S.,	.	.	.	<i>Abington.</i>
Johnson, Jonathan,	.	.	.	<i>Lowell.</i>
Johnson, Joseph P.,	.	.	.	<i>Provincetown.</i>
Johnson, William F.,	.	.	.	<i>Lynn.</i>
Jones, Jonathan,	.	.	.	<i>Chicopee.</i>
Jones, Justin,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Jones, Peter C.,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Jones, Thomas N.,	.	.	.	<i>Reading.</i>

K

Keith, Elbridge,	.	.	.	<i>Bridgewater.</i>
Keith, Parmenus,	.	.	.	<i>Webster.</i>
Kingsley, Daniel,	.	.	.	<i>Northampton.</i>
Knight, Franklin,	.	.	.	<i>Marblehead.</i>

L

Lamb, Samuel O.,	.	.	.	<i>Greenfield.</i>
Lawrence, Alfred L.,	.	.	.	<i>Pepperell.</i>
Lawrence, Asa F.,	.	.	.	<i>Cambridge.</i>
Leach, Ezra,	.	.	.	<i>Plymouth.</i>
Lewis, Daniel J.,	.	.	.	<i>Fairhaven.</i>
Lewis, James S.,	.	.	.	<i>Lynn.</i>
Lincoln, Noah, Jr.,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Littlefield, John,	.	.	.	<i>Foxborough.</i>
Loring, Harrison,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Loring, Hollis,	.	.	.	<i>Marlborough.</i>
Lovett, Joseph,	.	.	.	<i>Charlestown.</i>
Low, Albert E.,	.	.	.	<i>Manchester.</i>
Lunt, Joseph,	.	.	.	<i>Newbury.</i>
Luscomb, Henry, Jr.,	.	.	.	<i>Salem.</i>

M

Makepeace, William,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Manning, Joseph,	.	.	.	<i>Chelmsford.</i>

Mansfield, Henry S.,	.	.	.	<i>Blackstone.</i>
Manson, Eben,	.	.	.	<i>Cambridge.</i>
Marble, Mason,	.	.	.	<i>Charlton.</i>
* Martyn, Truman M.,	.	.	.	<i>Haverhill.</i>
Mayhew, Nathan,	.	.	.	<i>Tisbury.</i>
Mayo, Watson G.,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Meekins, Thomas,	.	.	.	<i>Williamsburg.</i>
Merriam, Asa,	.	.	.	<i>Gardner.</i>
Merwin, Elias,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Miles, Levi,	.	.	.	<i>Hubbardston.</i>
Millikin, Edward,	.	.	.	<i>New Bedford.</i>
Mixter, William,	.	.	.	<i>Hardwick.</i>
Moore, Edwin,	.	.	.	<i>Douglas.</i>
Morrill, Jonathan E.,	.	.	.	<i>Fall River.</i>
Morrisy, John,	.	.	.	<i>Nantucket.</i>
Mudge, John G.,	.	.	.	<i>Petersham.</i>
Murdock, Jason F.,	.	.	.	<i>Wareham.</i>

N

Nelson, Charles,	.	.	.	<i>Plymouth.</i>
Newhall, William H.,	.	.	.	<i>Saugus.</i>
Nickerson, Elkanah,	.	.	.	<i>Harwich.</i>
Nutter, Richard,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Nye, Charles A.,	.	.	.	<i>Sandwich.</i>

O

Oliver, James,	.	.	.	<i>South Reading.</i>
Orcutt, Samuel,	.	.	.	<i>Chelsea.</i>
† Osgood, Gayton P.,	.	.	.	<i>Andover.</i>

P

Paine, George W.,	.	.	.	<i>Randolph.</i>
Parker, John W.,	.	.	.	<i>Groton.</i>
Parker, William,	.	.	.	<i>Cambridge.</i>
Parsons, Elisha F.,	.	.	.	<i>Ludlow.</i>

* Died, May 6, 1856.

† Was never qualified.

Parsons, Samuel L.,	.	.	.	<i>Northampton.</i>
Partridge, Maynard,	.	.	.	<i>Winchendon.</i>
Pearce, Edward H.,	.	.	.	<i>Gloucester.</i>
Phelps, Charles A.,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Phelps, Henry, Jr.,	.	.	.	<i>Lowell.</i>
Phelps, Samuel H.,	.	.	.	<i>Ware.</i>
Phelps, Willis,	.	.	.	<i>Springfield.</i>
Phillips, Alonzo P.,	.	.	.	<i>Danvers.</i>
Pike, Charles E.,	.	.	.	<i>Newton.</i>
Pitman, John H.,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Plummer, George H.,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Pollard, Andrew,	.	.	.	<i>Taunton.</i>
Pomeroy, Henry,	.	.	.	<i>Springfield.</i>
Pool, James M.,	.	.	.	<i>Abington.</i>
Poor, Eben S.,	.	.	.	<i>Danvers.</i>
Porter, David K.,	.	.	.	<i>Sturbridge.</i>
Potter, Nathaniel, Jr.,	.	.	.	<i>Dartmouth.</i>
Pratt, Alpheus, Jr.,	.	.	.	<i>Raynham.</i>
Pratt, Chandler M.,	.	.	.	<i>Grafton.</i>
Pratt, Isaac,	.	.	.	<i>East Bridgewater</i>
Pratte, Jared, 2d.,	.	.	.	<i>Middleborough.</i>
Putnam, Salmon W.,	.	.	.	<i>Fitchburg.</i>

R

Read, William,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Reed, Daniel M.,	.	.	.	<i>Newburyport.</i>
Rhoades, John W.,	.	.	.	<i>Salem.</i>
Rice, Charles P.,	.	.	.	<i>Westborough.</i>
Ritchie, Harrison,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Robbins, Joseph,	.	.	.	<i>Millbury.</i>
Robinson, Edward R.,	.	.	.	<i>Charlestown.</i>
Robinson, Jeremiah,	.	.	.	<i>Northbridge.</i>
Robinson, Joshua D.,	.	.	.	<i>Newburyport.</i>
Robinson, Simon W.,	.	.	.	<i>Lexington.</i>
Robinson, William,	.	.	.	<i>Mansfield.</i>
Roby, Augustus B.,	.	.	.	<i>Lowell.</i>

Rockwood, Ezekiel D., . . .	<i>Southborough.</i>
Rogers, Charles O., . . .	<i>Boston.</i>
Rogers, John W., . . .	<i>Boston.</i>
Russell, George W., . . .	<i>Worcester.</i>
Russell, John W., . . .	<i>Salem.</i>

S

Sawyer, John, 2d., . . .	<i>Templeton.</i>
Sawyer, Moses, 2d., . . .	<i>Sterling.</i>
Sears, Horatio N., . . .	<i>Lenox.</i>
Sever, James W., . . .	<i>Boston.</i>
Shaw, George L., . . .	<i>Enfield.</i>
Shepard, David R., . . .	<i>Malden.</i>
Slade, Brayton, . . .	<i>Full River.</i>
Smith, Benjamin M., . . .	<i>Fitchburg.</i>
Smith, Heman, . . .	<i>Chatham.</i>
Smith, Hiram, . . .	<i>Whately.</i>
Smith, John H., . . .	<i>Chicopee.</i>
Smith, Melancthon, . . .	<i>Roxbury.</i>
Smith, Samuel H., Jr., . . .	<i>Truro.</i>
Smith, Warner, . . .	<i>Barre.</i>
Snow, Jesse K., . . .	<i>Lynn.</i>
Southworth, Mason S., . . .	<i>Franklin.</i>
Sparrell, John, . . .	<i>Medford.</i>
Standish, Soranus, . . .	<i>Middleborough.</i>
Staples, Samuel, . . .	<i>Concord.</i>
Stebbins, Edward W., . . .	<i>Deerfield.</i>
Stevens, Amos, . . .	<i>Roxbury.</i>
Stoddard, Elijah B., . . .	<i>Worcester.</i>
Stone, Phineas J., . . .	<i>Charlestown.</i>
Story, Isaac, . . .	<i>Somerville.</i>
Story, Samuel, . . .	<i>Essex.</i>
Stratton, Elijah, . . .	<i>Northfield.</i>
Strickland, Lemuel K., . . .	<i>Sandisfield.</i>
Swallow, Asa, . . .	<i>Boston.</i>
Swan, Richard W., . . .	<i>Williamstown.</i>

T

Taft, Charles A.,	.	.	.	<i>Uxbridge.</i>
Taft, Putnam W.,	.	.	.	<i>Worcester.</i>
Tagart, Ralsa,	.	.	.	<i>Blandford.</i>
Taggart, William,	.	.	.	<i>Haverhill.</i>
Taylor, Charles J.,	.	.	.	<i>Great Barrington.</i>
Taylor, Cyrus,	.	.	.	<i>Sudbury.</i>
Tarbell, Solomon, Jr.,	.	.	.	<i>Lunenburg.</i>
Temple, Abraham H.,	.	.	.	<i>Rutland.</i>
Temple, Josiah H.,	.	.	.	<i>Framingham.</i>
Tenney, George I.,	.	.	.	<i>Georgetown.</i>
Tenney, John,	.	.	.	<i>Groveland.</i>
Thayer, David,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Thatcher, Charles S.,	.	.	.	<i>Lee.</i>
Thacher, Samuel, Jr.,	.	.	.	<i>Yarmouth.</i>
Thaxter, Levi,	.	.	.	<i>Watertown.</i>
Thomas, Henry F.,	.	.	.	<i>New Bedford.</i>
Thurston, John G.,	.	.	.	<i>Lancaster.</i>
Tidd, Samuel,	.	.	.	<i>Stoneham.</i>
Tilton, Stephen,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Titcomb, David A.,	.	.	.	<i>Lynnfield.</i>
Torrey, Charles,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>
Towne, Nathan P.,	.	.	.	<i>Pawtucket.</i>
Turner, John M.,	.	.	.	<i>Brookline.</i>

U

Upham, James H.,	.	.	.	<i>Dorchester.</i>
Upton, Daniel,	.	.	.	<i>Adams.</i>
Usher, Roland G.,	.	.	.	<i>Lynn.</i>

V

Vinson, John,	.	.	.	<i>Edgartown.</i>
Vose, Edward A.,	.	.	.	<i>Boston.</i>

W

Walker, Samuel, . . .	<i>Roxbury.</i>
Ward, Dennis, . . .	<i>Spencer.</i>
Warner, Ebenezer, . . .	<i>Belchertown.</i>
Warren, William, . . .	<i>Brighton.</i>
Waters, Richard P., . . .	<i>Beverly.</i>
Webb, Lorenzo, . . .	<i>Otis.</i>
Webber, Thomas W., . . .	<i>Marblehead.</i>
Weeks, Jonathan, . . .	<i>Lowell.</i>
Weld, Aaron D., . . .	<i>Winchester.</i>
Wells, Thomas, . . .	<i>Stockbridge.</i>
West, John C., . . .	<i>Pittsfield.</i>
Weston, Seth, . . .	<i>Marshfield.</i>
Wheeler, Azariah B., . . .	<i>North Bridgewater.</i>
Wheeler, Levi, . . .	<i>Northborough.</i>
White, Merchant, . . .	<i>Freetown.</i>
White, Tisdale S., . . .	<i>Medway.</i>
Whitney, Harrison G., . . .	<i>Westminster.</i>
Whitney, Ohio, Jr., . . .	<i>Ashburnham.</i>
Whiton, William, . . .	<i>Hingham.</i>
Wilcox, Joseph, . . .	<i>Sheffield.</i>
Wilkinson, Ezra, . . .	<i>Dedham.</i>
Willard, Ebenezer C., . . .	<i>Harvard.</i>
Williams, J. Otis, . . .	<i>Boston.</i>
Williams, P. Smith, . . .	<i>Hadley.</i>
Wood, Elijah W., . . .	<i>Upton.</i>
Woodcock, Lucius, . . .	<i>Leicester.</i>
Worcester, F. A., . . .	<i>Townsend.</i>

Y

York, Samuel, . . .	<i>Rockport.</i>
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APPENDIX.

No. 1.

Yeas and Nays on the Question of ordering to a third reading, the Bill to establish the Salaries of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court. [See Journal, page 183.]

Yeas.

Messrs. Adams, L.

Allen, J.

Arnold

Ashley

Austin

Babcock

Baldwin

Batchelder, S.

Baxter, J. A.

Baxter, W. W.

Beal, G. Jr.

Beal, J. H.

Belden

Blair

Bliss

Blood

Messrs. Bosworth

Boyce

Brayton

Browster

Briggs, H. S.

Brooks

Burbank

Burt

Carson

Case

Chamberlain

Child, W. P.

Clapp

Coburn

Codman

Cole, M.

Messrs. Colton

Conley
Converse, A. L.
Converse, W. B.
Cook
Crocker
Crosby
Curtis
Davenport
Davis, J.
Dean
Dennie
Devereux
Dewey
Dunton
Dupee
Dyer, D.
Dyer, M. Jr.
Earl
Edwards
Emerson
Emery
Endicott
Estes
Evans
Farrington
Faulkner
Felch
Fessenden
Flagg
Floyd
Ford

Messrs. Foster

Freeland
Frye
Fuller
Gale
Gay
Gilbert
Godfrey
Goff
Gordon
Gould
Goulding
Gray, E.
Gray, J.
Guild
Hagar
Hale, C.
Hale, T. P.
Hall, S. W.
Hammond, A. B.
Hammond, D.
Handley
Hard
Harding
Hartwell
Haviland
Hawkes
Haynes
Herrick
Heustis
Hicks
Hildreth

Messrs. Hills

Hinds
Holbrook, A.
Holbrook, J. E.
Howard
Howes
Huse
Ingalls
Johnson, J.
Johnson, J. P.
Johnson, W. F.
Jones, P. C.
Keith, E.
Keith, P.
Kingsley
Lamb
Lawrence, A. L.
Lawrence, A. F.
Lewis, D. J.
Lewis, J. S.
Lincoln
Littlefield
Loring, Harrison
Loring, Hollis
Lovett
Lunt
Luscomb
Makepeace
Manning
Mansfield
Manson
Martyn

Messrs. Mayo

Meekins
Merriam
Miles
Millikin
Mixer
Moore
Morrill
Morrisy
Mudge
Murdock
Newhall
Nutter
Nye
Orcutt
Parker, J. W.
Parsons
Partridge
Pearce
Phelps, H. Jr.
Phelps, S. H.
Phelps, W.
Phillips
Pitman
Plummer
Pollard
Poor
Porter
Pratt, C. M.
Read
Reed
Rhoades

Messrs. Rice

Ritchie
Robbins
Robinson, E. R.,
Robinson, J.
Robinson, S. W.
Roby
Rogers, J. W.
Russell, G. W.
Sawyer, J. 2d.
Sawyer, M. 2d.
Sever
Shaw
Shepard
Slade
Smith, B. M.
Smith, Heman
Smith, M.
Smith, W.
Snow
Southworth
Sparrell
Standish
Staples
Stebbins
Stevens
Stoddard
Stone
Story, S.
Stratton
Swallow

Messrs. Swan

Taft, C. A.
Taft, P. W.
Tagart
Taggart
Tarbell
Temple, A. H.
Temple, J. H.
Tenney, G. I.
Thayer
Thatcher
Thacher
Thaxter
Thomas
Thurston
Tidd
Tilton
Titcomb
Torrey
Towne
Turner
Upham
Upton
Usher
Vinson
Vose
Walker
Ward
Warren
Webber
Weeks

Messrs. Wells

Weston

Wheeler, A. B.

Wheeler, L.

White, T. S.

Whitney, H. G. .

Whitney, O. Jr.

Messrs. Whiton

Wilcox

Willard

Williams, J. O.

Wood

Worcester

York

Nays.

Messrs. Abercrombie

Allen, S.

Andrews

Armington

Bagley

Bates

Blake

Briggs, E.

Brown

Burrill

Child, A.

Cole, S.

Crane

Crossman

Davis, A.

Gardner

Guilford

Hero

Homer

Howe

Ingraham

Messrs. Jenkins

Jones, J.

Low

Nelson

Oliver

Pike

Pomeroy

Pool

Pratt, A. Jr.

Pratt, I.

Pratt

Robinson, W.

Rockwood

Sears

Smith, J. H.

Taylor, C.

Tenney, J.

Webb

Weld

White, M.

Woodcock

Yeas, 236 ; Nays, 42.

No. 2.

Yeas and Nays on the Question of Agreeing to the Resolve providing for an Amendment to the Constitution, relative to abolishing Imprisonment for Debt. [See Journal, page 361.]

Yeas.**Messrs. Andrews**

Austin
Batchelder, G.
Batchelder, S.
Baxter, W. W.
Beal, G. Jr.
Bosworth
Bowker
Burt
Calef
Clapp
Clifford
Coburn
Cole, S.
Davenport
Freeman
French
Gardner
Gay
Gray, J.
Guilford
Hard
Haynes

Messrs. Hildreth

Jenkins
Johnson, J.
Jones, T. N.
Luscomb
Mayo
Millikin
Newhall
Phelps, H. Jr.
Pool
Pratt, C. M.
Robinson, J.
Robinson, J. D.
Roby
Rockwood
Russell, J. W.
Sears
Shepard
Smith, S. H. Jr.
Snow
Sparrell
Stone
Story, I.

Messrs. Vose

Webb

Weeks

Messrs. White, T. S.

Whiton.

Nays.

Messrs. Abercrombie

Adams, E.

Adams, L.

Allen, S.

Armington

Arnold

Ashley

Babcock

Baldwin

Barney

Barrows

Beal, J. H.

Blair

Blake

Blood

Boyce

Brayton

Brewster

Briggs, E.

Briggs, H. S.

Brooks

Brown

Burbank

Burrill

Case

Chamberlain

Chapin

Messrs. Child, A.

Child, W. P.

Codman

Colton

Conant

Converse, A. L.

Converse, W. B.

Cook

Cooley

Crane

Crocker

Crosby

Davis, A.

Davis, J.

Dean

Dennie

Devereux

Dunton

Dupee

Dyer, D.

Earl

Edwards

Emerson

Emery

Endicott

Estes

Faulkner

Messrs. Felch

Fenno
Fessenden
Fletcher
Floyd
Ford
Foster
Freeland
Gale
Gaston
Gavitt
Gilbert
Godfrey
Goff
Gordon
Goulding
Goss
Hagar
Hale, C.
Hale, T. P.
Hall, F.
Hall, S. W.
Hammond, A. B.
Hammond, D.
Hammond, E.
Handley
Hartwell
Haviland
Healy
Hero
Herrick
Heustis

Messrs. Hicks

Hills
Hinds
Homer
Howard
Howe
Howes
Huse
Ingalls
Jacobs
Johnson, W. F.
Jones, J.
Jones, P. C.
Keith, E.
Keith, P.
Kingsley
Knight
Lamb
Lawrence, A. F.
Leach
Lewis, D. J.
Loring, Hollis
Lovett
Low
Lunt
Makepeace
Manning
Mansfield
Manson
Marble
Merwin
Miles

Messrs. Mixer

Moore

Morrill

Mudge

Murdock

Nickerson

Nutter

Nye

Parker, J. W.

Parker, W.

Parsons, E. T.

Parsons, S. L.

Pearce

Phillips

Pike

Pitman

Plummer

Pomeroy

Poor

Porter

Potter

Pratt, A. Jr.

Pratt, I.

Pratt

Read

Reed

Rhoades

Rice

Ritchie

Robbins

Robinson, S. W.

Rogers, J. W.

Messrs. Russell, G. W.

Sawyer, J. 2d.

Sawyer, M. 2d.

Sever

Slade

Smith, Heman

Smith, Hiram

Smith, J. H.

Smith, M.

Standish

Stebbins

Stevens

Stoddard

Stratton

Swallow

Swan

Taft, C. A.

Taylor, C. J.

Tarbell

Tenney, J.

Thatcher

Thacher

Thaxter

Thomas

Thurston

Tilton

Titcomb

Torrey

Towne

Turner

Usher

Vinson

Messrs. Walker

Ward

Waters

Webber

Weld

Wells

West

Weston

Wheeler, A. B.

Wheeler, L.

Yeas, 51 ; Nays, 201.

Messrs. White, M.

Whitney, H. G.

Wilcox

Wilkinson

Willard

Williams, J. O.

Woodcock

Worcester

York

 No. 3.

Yeas and Nays on the Question of adopting the Amendment of Mr. Austin, of Boston, to the Bill in addition to an Act concerning the Duties and Rights of Jurors. [See Journal, page 409.]

Yeas.

Messrs. Adams, L.

Ashley

Austin

Babcock

Bagley

Baker

Barney

Bates

Baxter, J. A.

Beal, G. Jr.

Messrs. Blair

Brayton

Bosworth

Briggs, E.

Brooks

Calef

Chamberlain

Clifford

Cole, M.

Colton

Messrs. Conley

Converse, A. L.
Converse, W. B.
Cook
Cooley
Crocker
Curtis
Dennie
Devereux
Dewey
Dyer, D.
Eastman
Endicott
Evans
Felch
Fessenden
Floyd
Ford
Fuller
Goss
Gray, E.
Gray, J.
Hale, C.
Hall, S. W.
Hammond, D.
Hard
Harding
Herrick
Hicks
Hinds
Holbrook, J. E.
Ingalls

Messrs. Jacobs

Johnson, J. P.
Johnson, W. F.
Jones, Jonathan
Keith, P.
Lawrence, A. F.
Littlefield
Lovett
Makepeace
Mansfield
Manson
Mayhew
Mayo
Merwin
Mixer
Nye
Oliver
Paine
Pearce
Pitman
Porter
Rice
Robbins
Robinson, E. R.
Robinson, J.
Rogers, J. W.
Sawyer, M. 2d.
Sever
Shaw
Slade
Smith, J. H.
Southworth

Messrs. Stone

Story, I.
Stratton
Swallow
Swan
Taft, C. A.
Thomas
Thurston
Tilton
Towne

Messrs. Usher

Ward
Warren
Waters
Webber
Weld
Wheeler, L.
White, T. S.
Whitney, H. G.

Nays.**Messrs. Abercrombie**

Allen, J.
Allen, S.
Andrews
Armington
Arnold
Baldwin
Barrows
Batchelder, G.
Baxter, W. W.
Blake
Bliss
Blood
Bowker
Burrill
Case
Chapin
Child, A.
Clapp

Messrs. Coburn

Cole, S.
Conant
Crane
Crossman
Davenport
Davis, A.
Dean
Dunton
Emery
Faulkner
Fenno
Flagg
Foster
Freeman
Gardner
Gavitt
Gay
Gilbert

Messrs. Godfrey

Goff
Gordon
Hale, T. P.
Hall, F.
Hammond, A. B.
Handley
Hartwell
Hawkes
Haynes
Hero
Heustis
Hills
Holbrook, A.
Homer
Howard
Howes
Huse
Ingraham
Jenkins
Keith, E.
Knight
Lamb
Leach
Lincoln
Low
Lunt
Luscomb
Manning
Marble
Martyn
Merriam

Messrs. Millikin

Moore
Morrill
Nelson
Newhall
Nickerson
Nutter
Orcutt
Parker, W.
Parsons, E. F.
Parsons, S. L.
Phelps, H. Jr.
Phelps, S. H.
Phillips
Pike
Pollard
Pomeroy
Pool
Poor
Pratt, A. Jr.
Pratt, C. M.
Putnam
Rhodes
Ritchie
Robinson, S. W.
Robinson, W.
Roby
Rockwood
Russell, G. W.
Russell, J. W.
Shepard
Smith, B. M.

Messrs. Smith, Heman

Smith, M.

Snow

Sparrell

Standish

Stevens

Story, S.

Strickland

Taft, P. W.

Tagart

Taggart

Taylor, C.

Tarbell

Tenney, J.

Thayer

Thacher

Thaxter

Messrs. Tidd

Titcomb

Torrey

Upham

Upton

Vinson

Weeks

Wells

Weston

Wheeler, A. B.

White, M.

Whiton

Willard

Williams, P. S.

Wood

Woodcock

Worcester

Yeas, 103; Nays, 136.

No. 4.

Yeas and Nays on the Question of ordering Bill in addition to an Act concerning the Duties and Rights of Jurors to a third reading. [See Journal, page 409.]

Yeas.**Messrs. Abercrombie**

Adams, L.

Allen, J.

Ashley

Messrs. Babcock

Baker

Barrows

Batchelder, G.

Messrs. Baxter, J. A.

Blood
Bowker
Boyce
Brayton
Brooks
Calef
Chamberlain
Child, A.
Clapp
Clifford
Codman
Cook
Crane
Crocker
Crosby
Curtis
Davis, A.
Earl
Emery
Estes
Evans
Ford
Gardner
Gavitt
Gay
Godfrey
Goff
Gordon
Goss
Gray, J.
Hammond, A. B.

Messrs. Hard

Hero
Holbrook, J. E.
Huse
Johnson, J.
Johnson, W. F.
Jones, Jonathan
Keith, P.
Lewis, D. J.
Lovett
Low
Mansfield
Mayhew
Millikin
Mixer
Moore
Nye
Paine
Parsons, E. F.
Pomeroy
Porter
Pratt, A. Jr.
Pratt, C. M.
Pratt, J. 2d.
Robbins
Robinson, E. R.
Robinson, J.
Robinson, W.
Slade
Smith, J. H.
Snow
Standish

Messrs. Stone

Story, I.

Swan

Tagart

Temple, J. H.

Tenney, J.

Towne

Vinson

Ward

Messrs. Waters

Weld

Weston

Wheeler, A. B.

White, M.

White, T. S.

Whitney, H. G.

Williams, P. S.

Wood

Nays.**Messrs. Andrews**

Arnold

Austin

Baldwin

Barney

Baxter, W. W.

Beal, G. Jr.

Beal, J. H.

Blake

Bliss

Bosworth

Briggs, E.

Burrill

Case

Chapin

Child, W. P.

Coburn

Cole, S.

Colton

Conant

Messrs. Converse, A. L.

Converse, W. B.

Crossman

Davenport

Dean

Dennie

Devereux

Dewey

Dunton

Dyer, D.

Faulkner

Felch

Fenno

Fessenden

Flagg

Fletcher

Floyd

Foster

Freeman

French

Messrs. Fuller

Gilbert
Hale, C.
Hale, T. P.
Hall, F.
Hall, S. W.
Hammond, D.
Handley
Harding
Hartwell
Hawkes
Haynes
Heustis
Hicks
Hildreth
Hills
Hinds
Holbrook, A.
Homer
Howard
Howes
Ingal's
Ingraham
Jacobs
Jenkins
Johnson, J. P.
Keith, E.
Knight
Lamb
Lawrence, A. F.
Leach
Lewis, J. S.

Messrs. Lincoln

Loring, Harrison
Lunt
Luscomb
Makepeace
Manning
Manson
Marble
Martyn
Mayo
Merriam
Merwin
Morrill
Nelson
Newhall
Nickerson
Nutter
Oliver
Orcutt
Parker, W.
Parsons, S. L.
Pearce
Phelps, H. Jr.
Phelps, S. H.
Phillips
Pike
Pitman
Pollard
Pool
Poor
Putnam
Read

Messrs. Rhodes

Rice
Ritchie
Robinson, S. W.
Roby
Rockwood
Rogers, J. W.
Russell, G. W.
Russell, J. W.
Sawyer, M. 2d.
Sever
Shaw
Shepard
Smith, B. M.
Smith, Heman
Smith, M.
Smith, S. H. Jr.
Southworth
Sparrell
Stevens
Story, S.
Strickland
Taft, C. A.
Taft, P. W.

Messrs. Taggart

Taylor, C.
Tarbell
Thayer
Thacher
Thaxter
Thomas
Thurston
Tilton
Titcomb
Torrey
Upham
Upton
Warren
Webber
Weeks
Wells
Wheeler, L.
Whiton
Wilkinson
Willard
Woodcock
Worcester

Yeas, 90; Nays, 151.

No. 5.

Yeas and Nays on the Question of substituting the Minority Report for the Majority, of the Committee on Elections, (Hinks and Cornell.) [See Journal, page 428.]

Yeas.

Messrs. Allen, J.

Andrews

Armington

Austin

Barney

Bates

Beal, J. H.

Bliss

Brewster

Brooks

Burbank

Burrill

Child, W. P.

Cole, S.

Crane

Crossman

Dean

Dunton

Dupee

Eastman

Emerson

Fenno

Messrs. Fessenden

Foster

Freeland

Frye

Gordon

Goulding

Gray, E.

Hale, C.

Hale, T. P.

Hall, F.

Hammond, D.

Hammond, E.

Handley

Haviland

Hawkes

Hinds

Howard

Ingalls

Ingraham

Jacobs

Jenkins

Jones, Jonathan

Messrs. Jones, P. C.

Knight

Lamb

Lawrence, A. F.

Makepeace

Manning

Manson

Marble

Miles

Mixer

Morrisy

Mudge

Nutter

Orcutt

Parsons, S. L.

Phillips

Pike

Pitman

Pratt, A. Jr.

Pratt, I.

Putnam

Read

Rice

Ritchie

Robinson, S. W.

Robinson, W.

Rogers, C. O.

Messrs. Russell, G. W.

Sawyer, M. 2d.

Sears

Sever

Smith, J. H.

Smith, M.

Smith, W.

Stevens

Stoddard

Story, I.

Swallow

Tarbell

Tenney, J.

Thaxter

Thurston

Tilton

Titcomb

Vinson

Walker

Ward

Webber

Weston

Whitney, O. Jr.

Willard

Williams, J. O.

Wood

Nays.

Messrs. Abercrombie

Adams, L.

Messrs. Allen, S.

Arnold

Messrs. Babcock

Barrows

Baxter, W. W.

Beal, G. Jr.

Blair

Blake

Blood

Bosworth

Boyce

Brayton

Briggs, E.

Briggs, H. S.

Burt

Chamberlain

Child, A.

Clifford

Coburn

Codman

Cole, M.

Colton

Cooley

Crosby

Curtis

Davenport

Davis, A.

Davis, J.

Dennie

Devereux

Dyer, D.

Earl

Emery

Estes

Messrs. Faulkner

Flagg

Fletcher

Floyd

Freeman

French

Fuller

Gardner

Gavitt

Gay

Goss

Gray, J.

Guilford

Hall, S. W.

Hard

Harding

Healy

Hero

Heustis

Hicks

Hildreth

Hills

Holbrook, A.

Homer

Howe

Howes

Johnson, J.

Johnson, W. F.

Keith, P.

Leach

Lewis, D. J.

Lewis, J. S.

Messrs. Littlefield

Loring, Hollis

Lovett

Lunt

Luscomb

Mansfield

Martyn

Mayo

Merriam

Millikin

Moore

Morrill

Nelson

Newball

Nye

Oliver

Paine

Parsons, E. T.

Partridge

Pearce

Phelps, H. Jr.

Phelps, S. H.

Pollard

Pool

Porter

Pratt, J. 2d.

Reed

Rhoades

Robinson, E. R.

Robinson, J.

Roby

Russell, J. W.

Messrs. Sawyer, J. 2d.

Shaw

Shepard

Slade

Smith, B. M.

Smith, Heman

Smith, Hiram

Snow

Southworth

Sparrell

Standish

Staples

Stebbins

Stone

Story, S.

Stratton

Taft, P. W.

Tagart

Taylor, C. J.

Taylor, C.

Temple, J. H.

Thacher

Towne

Turner

Upham

Warner

Warren

Webb

Weeks

Weld

Wells

White, M.

Messrs. White, T. S.
Whitney, H. G.

Messrs. Whiton
York

Yeas, 97 ; Nays, 136.

No. 6.

Yeas and Nays on the Question of laying on the Table the
• Report of the Committee on Elections, on the Petition of E.
W. Hinks and William M. Cornell. [See Journal, page 470.]

Yeas.

Messrs. Armington

Austin
Barney
Batchelder, S.
Bates
Blake
Burbank
Burrill
Calef
Chapin
Codman
Cole, S.
Converse, W. B.
Crane
Dennie
Dewey
Dunton
Dupee

Messrs. Emerson

Endicott
Fenno
Fessenden
Foster
Freeland
Gardner
Gaston
Gilbert
Goulding
Gray, E.
Hale, T. P.
Hall, F.
Hammond, A. B.
Hammond, D.
Hammond, E.
Handley
Haviland

Messrs. Haynes

Hildreth
Hinds
Howard
Ingalls
Ingraham
Jacobs
Jones, Jonathan
Knight
Lamb
Loring, Harrison
Makepeace
Manning
Manson
Marble
Merwin
Orcutt
Phelps, S. H.
Pitman
Pomeroy
Pratt, A. Jr.
Pratt, I.
Rice

Messrs. Ritchie

Robbins
Robinson, W.
Rogers, C. O.
Slade
Smith, M.
Standish
Stevens
Stoddard
Swallow
Tenney, G. I.
Tenney, J.
Thayer
Tilton
Torrey
Walker
Warren
Webb
Webber
Weston
Wheeler, L.
Woodcock

Nays.**Messrs. Abercrombie**

Adams, L.
Andrews
Babcock
Bagley
Barrows

Messrs. Baxter, J. A.

Baxter, W. W.
Blair
Blood
Bosworth
Bowker

Messrs. Briggs, E.

Briggs, H. S.

Brooks

Brown

Burt

Clapp

Coburn

Colton

Conant

Cook

Cooley

Crocker

Crosby

Curtis

Davis, A.

Davis, J.

Devereux

Dyer, D.

Earl

Eastman

Edwards

Emery

Estes

Faulkner

Felch

Flagg

Floyd

French

Fuller

Gavitt

Gay

Godfrey

Messrs. Goff

Gould

Gray, J.

Hagar

Hale, C.

Hall, S. W.

Hard

Harding

Healy

Herrick

Hicks

Hills

Holbrook, A.

Howe

Howes

Huse

Jenkins

Johnson, J. P.

Johnson, W. F.

Keith, P.

Kingsley

Lawrence, A. F.

Leach

Lewis, D. J.

Littlefield

Loring, Hollis

Lovett

Low

Lunt

Mansfield

Martyn

Mayo

Messrs. Merriam

Mixer
Morrill
Morrissy
Nelson
Newhall
Nickerson
Nye
Oliver
Paine
Parsons, E. T.
Partridge
Pearce
Phelps, H. Jr.
Pollard
Pool
Poor
Porter
Pratt, J. 2d.
Read
Reed
Rhoades
Robinson, E. R.
Robinson, S. W.
Russell, G. W.
Russell, J. W.
Sawyer, J. 2d.
Sever
Shaw
Shepard
Smith, Hiram
Snow

Messrs. Sparrell

Stebbins
Stone
Story, S.
Swan
Taft, P. W.
Tagart
Taggart
Taylor, C. J.
Taylor, C.
Temple, J. H.
Thatcher
Thacher
Thaxter
Thomas
Thurston
Tidd
Towne
Upham
Upton
Usher
Vose
Ward
Warner
Weeks
Weld
Wells
White, M.
Whitney, H. G.
Whitney, O. Jr.
Whiton
Williams, J. O.

Messrs. Williams, P. S.
Wood

Messrs. Worcester
York

Yeas, 81 ; Nays, 144.

No. 7.

Yeas and Nays on the Question of indefinitely postponing the Report of the Committee on Elections, on the Petition of Edward W. Hinks and Wm. M. Cornell. [See Journal, page 479.]

Yeas.

Messrs. Allen, J.

Messrs. Crossman

Armington

Dean

Austin

Dennie

Barney

Dewey

Batchelder, S.

Dunton

Bates

Dupee

Beal, J. H.

Dyer, M. Jr.

Bliss

Eastman

Briggs, E.

Edwards

Brooks

Emerson

Burbank

Endicott

Burrill

Evans

Chapin

Fenno

Child, W. P.

Fessenden

Cole, S.

Freeland

Converse, A. L.

Frye

Converse, W. B.

Gordon

Crane

Gray, E.

Messrs. Hagar

Hale, C.
Hale, T. P.
Hall, F.
Hammond, D.
Hammond, E.
Handley
Hartwell
Haviland
Hawkes
Haynes
Herrick
Hinds
Howard
Ingalls
Ingraham
Jacobs
Johnson, J. P.
Jones, J.
Jones, P. C.
Jones, T. N.
Knight
Lamb
Lawrence, A. F.
Makepeace
Manning
Manson
Marble
Merwin
Miles
Mixer
Morrisy

Messrs. Mudge

Nutter
Orcutt
Parker, J. W.
Parker, W.
Phelps, S. H.
Phelps, W.
Phillips
Pike
Pitman
Pomeroy
Poor
Pratt, A. Jr.
Pratt, I.
Putnam
Rice
Ritchie
Robinson, J. D.
Robinson, S. W.
Robinson, W.
Russell, G. W.
Sawyer, M. 2d.
Sears
Sever
Smith, M.
Smith, W.
Standish
Stevens
Swallow
Taggart
Tarbell
Tenney, G. I.

Messrs. Tenney, J.

Thayer

Thaxter

Thurston

Tilton

Titcomb

Torrey

Vose

Walker

Ward

▼

Messrs. Warren

Webber

Weston

White, T. S.

Whitney, O. Jr.

Willard

Williams, J. O.

Williams, P. S.

Woodcock

Worcester

Nays.

Messrs. Abercrombie

Adams, L.

Allen, S.

Arnold

Ashley

Babcock

Bagley

Baldwin

Baxter, J. A.

Baxter, W. W.

Beal, G. Jr.

Belden

Blair

Blake

Bosworth

Bowker

Boyce

Briggs, H. S.

Brown

Messrs. Burt

Calef

Case

Chamberlain

Clapp

Clifford

Coburn

Cole, M.

Colton

Conant

Cook

Cooley

Crocker

Crosby

Davis, A.

Davis, J.

Devereux

Dyer, D.

Earl

Messrs. Emery

Estes
Faulkner
Felch
Flagg
Fletcher
Floyd
Ford
Freeman
French
Fuller
Gale
Gardner
Gavitt
Gay
Goff
Gould
Goss
Gray, J.
Guilford
Hall, S. W.
Hammond, A. B.
Hard
Harding
Healy
Hero
Heustis
Hicks
Hills
Holbrook, A.
Holbrook, J. E.
Homer

Messrs. Howe

Howes
Jenkins
Johnson, J.
Johnson, W. F.
Keith, P.
Kingsley
Leach
Lewis, D. J.
Lewis, J. S.
Littlefield
Loring, Hollis
Lovett
Low
Lunt
Luscomb
Mansfield
Martyn
Mayhew
Mayo
Meekins
Merriam
Moore
Morrill
Nelson
Newhall
Nye
Oliver
Paine
Parsons, E. T.
Partridge
Phelps, H. Jr.

Messrs. Pool

Porter
Potter
Pratt, C. M.
Pratt, J. 2d.
Reed
Rhodes
Robbins
Robinson, E. R.
Robinson, J.
Roby
Rockwood
Sawyer, J. 2d.
Shaw
Slade
Smith, B. M.
Smith, Heman
Smith, Hiram
Smith, S. H. Jr.
Snow
Southworth
Sparrell
Staples
Stebbins
Stone
Story, S.

Messrs. Stratton

Strickland
Swan
Tagart
Taylor, C. J.
Taylor, C.
Thatcher
Tidd
Towne
Turner
Upham
Upton
Usher
Warner
Webb
Weeks
Weld
Wells
Wheeler, A. B.
Wheeler, L.
White, M.
Whitney, H. G.
Whiton
Wilcox
York

Yeas, 120 ; Nays, 153.

No. 8

Yeas and Nays on the Question of accepting the Report of the Committee on Elections, on the Petition of E. W. Hinks and Wm. M. Cornell. [See Journal, page 479.]

Yeas.

Messrs. Abercrombie

Adams, L.
Allen, S.
Arnold
Ashley
Babcock
Bagley
Baldwin
Baxter, J. A.
Baxter, W. W.
Beal, G. Jr.
Belden
Blair
Blake
Bosworth
Bowker
Boyce
Briggs, H. S.
Brown
Burt
Calef
Case

Messrs. Chamberlain

Child, A.
Clifford
Coburn
Cole, M.
Cole, S.
Colton
Conant
Cooley
Crocker
Crosby
Davis, A.
Davis, J.
Dennie
Dyer, D.
Earl
Emery
Estes
Faulkner
Felch
Flagg
Fletcher

Messrs. Floyd**Ford****Freeman****French****Fuller****Gale****Gardner****Gavitt****Gay****Godfrey****Goff****Gould****Goss****Gray, J.****Guilford****Hall, S. W.****Hammond, A. B.****Hard****Harding****Hawkes****Healy****Hero****Heustis****Hicks****Hildreth****Hills****Holbrook, A.****Homer****Howe****Howes****Jenkins****Johnson, J.****Messrs. Johnson, W. F.****Keith, P.****Kinsley****Leach****Lewis, D. J.****Lewis, J. S.****Littlefield****Loring, Hollis****Lovett****Low****Lunt****Luscomb****Mansfield****Martyn****Mayo****Meekins****Merriam****Moore****Morrill****Nelson****Newhall****Nickerson****Nye****Oliver****Paine****Parsons, E. F.****Partridge****Phelps, H. Jr.****Pool****Porter****Potter****Pratt, C. M.**

Messrs. Pratt, J. 2d.

Reed
 Rhodes
 Robinson, E. R.
 Robinson, J.
 Roby
 Rockwood
 Sawyer, J. 2d.
 Shaw
 Slade
 Smith, B. M.
 Smith, Heman
 Smith, Hiram
 Smith, S. H. Jr.
 Snow
 Southworth
 Sparrell
 Staples
 Stebbins
 Stone
 Story, S.
 Stratton
 Swan
 Tagart

Messrs. Taylor, C. J.

Taylor, C.
 Tenney, G. I.
 Thatcher
 Thacher
 Towne
 Turner
 Upham
 Upton
 Usher
 Warner
 Warren
 Webb
 Weeks
 Weld
 Wells
 Wheeler, A. B.
 Wheeler, L.
 White, M.
 Whitney, H. G.
 Whiton
 Wilcox
 Williams, P. S.
 York

Nays.**Messrs. Allen, J.**

Armington
 Austin
 Barney
 Batchelder, S.

Messrs. Bates

Beal, J. H.
 Bliss
 Briggs, E.
 Burbank

Messrs. Burrill

Chapin
Child, W. P.
Clapp
Converse, A. L.
Converse, W. B.
Cook
Crane
Crossman
Dean
Devereux
Dewey
Dunton
Dupee
Dyer, M. Jr.
Eastman
Endicott
Fenno
Fessenden
Freeland
Frye
Gordon
Goulding
Gray, E.
Hagar
Hale, C.
Hale, T. P.
Hall, F.
Hammond, D.
Hammond, E.
Handley
Haviland

Messrs. Hinds

Howard
Ingalls
Ingraham
Jacobs
Johnson, J. P.
Jones, J.
Jones, P. C.
Jones, T. N.
Knight
Lamb
Lawrence, A. F.
Loring, Harrison
Makepeace
Manson
Marble
Merwin
Miles
Mixer
Morrisy
Nutter
Orcutt
Parker, J. W.
Pearce
Phelps, S. H.
Phillips
Pike
Pitman
Pomeroy
Poor
Pratt, A. Jr.
Pratt, I.

Messrs. Putnam

Read
Rice
Ritchie
Robbins
Robinson, J. D.
Robinson, S. W.
Robinson, W.
Russell, G. W.
Sever
Smith, M.
Smith, W.
Standish
Stevens
Swallow
Taft, P. W.
Taggart
Tarbell
Tenney, J.

Messrs. Thayer

Thaxter
Thurston
Tidd
Tilton
Titcomb
Torrey
Vose
Walker
Ward
Webber
Weston
Whitney, O. Jr.
Willard
Williams, J. O.
Wood
Woodcock
Worcester

Yeas, 156 ; Nays, 111.

No. 9.

Yeas and Nays on the Question of reconsidering the vote whereby the Order offered by Mr. Weeks, of Lowell, relative to the Records of Massachusetts Bay and Plymouth Colony, was adopted. [See Journal, page 523.]

Yeas.

Messrs. Abercrombie

Allen, J.
Allen, S.
Arnold
Austin
Babcock
Barney
Batchelder, S.
Beal, G. Jr.
Beal, J. H.
Belden
Bosworth
Briggs, E.
Brown
Burbank
Calef
Chamberlain
Chapin
Clapp
Clifford
Codman
Conant

Messrs. Conley

Converse, A. L.
Cook
Cooley
Crane
Crosby
Dennie
Dupee
Dyer, D.
Dyer, M. Jr.
Emerson
Endicott
Felch
Fletcher
Floyd
Ford
Freeman
Fuller
Gale
Gardner
Gaston
Gavitt

Messrs. Gould

Goulding

Goss

Gray, E.

Gray, J.

Hagar

Hale, C.

Hale, T. P.

Hall, F.

Hall, S. W.

Hammond, D.

Hammond, E.

Handley

Hard

Harding

Haviland

Healy

Heustis

Hildreth

Hills

Howard

Howe

Ingalls

Jacobs

Johnson, J.

Johnson, W. F.

Jones, Justin

Jones, P. C.

Jones, T. N.

Lawrence, A. L.

Lawrence, A. F.

Lewis, D. J.

Messrs. Loring, Hollis

Low

Makepeace

Mansfield

Manson

Martyn

Mayhew

Mayo

Meekins

Merriam

Merwin

Miles

Mixer

Moore

Newhall

Orcutt

Parker, J. W.

Partridge

Pearce

Phillips

Pike

Pitman

Plummer

Pool

Poor

Porter

Pratt, A. Jr.

Putnam

Rice

Ritchie

Robbins

Robinson, S. W.

Messrs. Robinson, W.

Roby

Rogers, J. W.

Sawyer, M. 2d.

Sever

Shepard

Smith, B. M.

Smith, Heman

Smith, Hiram

Smith, M.

Smith, W.

Southworth

Sparrell

Staples

Stone

Swallow

Swan

Taft, C. A.

Tagart

Taylor, C. J.

Taylor, C.

Tarbell

Temple, A. H.

Temple, J. H.

Tenney, G. I.

Tenney, J.

Messrs. Thayer

Thatcher

Thacher

Thaxter

Thurston

Tilton

Torrey

Vose

Walker

Ward

Warner

Warren

Waters

Webb

Weld

Wells

Weston

Wheeler, L.

Whitney, H. G.

Whitney, O. Jr.

Wilcox

Willard

Williams, J. O.

Williams, P. S.

Worcester

Nays.**Messrs. Adams, L.**

Ashley

Barrows

Messrs. Bates

Baxter, W. W.

Blake

Messrs. Bliss

Bowker
Brooks
Burrill
Burt
Colton
Converse, W. B.
Davis, A.
Davis, J.
Dean
Eastman
Emery
Faulkner
Fenno
Freeland
French
Gay
Gilbert
Godfrey
Gordon
Hartwell
Hero
Holbrook, A.
Homer
Jenkins
Johnson, J. P.
Jones, Jonathan
Keith, P.
Knight
Lamb
Leach
Lewis, J. S.

Messrs. Luscomb

Manning
Marble
Morrill
Morrisey
Mudge
Murdock
Nickerson
Nye
Oliver
Pomeroy
Potter
Pratt, C. M.
Pratt, L.
Rhoades
Russell, G. W.
Russell, J. W.
Sawyer, J. 2d.
Sears
Slade
Snow
Stebbins
Stevens
Stratton
Thomas
Tidd
Titcomb
Upham
Upton
Webber
Weeks
Wheeler, A. B.

Messrs. White, M.

Messrs. Wood

White, T. S.

Woodcock

Yeas, 159; Nays, 74.

No. 10.

Yeas and Nays on the Question of indefinite postponement
of the Bill "for the Gradual Suppression of Small Bills."
[See Journal, page 615.]

Yeas.

Messrs. Abercrombie

Messrs. Case

Adams E.

Chamberlain

Armington

Chapin

Arnold

Child, A.

Bagley

Clifford

Baker

Coburn

Baldwin

Colton

Barney

Conant

Barrows

Converse, A. L.

Batchelder, G.

Converse, W. B.

Bates

Cooley

Beal, G. Jr.

Crane

Belden

Crocker

Blake

Davenport

Bliss

Davis, A.

Bowker

Dewey

Boyce

Dyer, M. Jr.

Briggs, E.

Earl

Burt

Edwards

Messrs. Evans

Farrington
Felch
Fessenden
Floyd
Ford
Foster
Freeland
Freeman
French
Fuller
Gardner
Gay
Godfrey
Goff
Gordon
Goulding
Gray, J.
Hagar
Hall, F.
Hammond, A. B.
Hammond, E.
Handley
Hard
Hawkes
Haynes
Healy
Hero
Herrick
Heustis
Hills
Hinds

Messrs. Holbrook, A.

Howard
Howe
Howes
Huse
Ingalls
Ingraham
Johnson, Jonathan
Johnson, J. P.
Johnson, W. F.
Jones, Jonathan
Keith, P.
Knight
Lewis, D. J.
Lewis, J. S.
Littlefield
Low
Manning
Mansfield
Mayhew
Mayo
Meekins
Merriam
Millikin
Moore
Morrill
Newhall
Nickerson
Nutter
Paine
Parker, J. W.
Parker, W.

Messrs. Parsons, E. T.

Parsons, S. L.

Partridge

Pearce

Phelps, H. Jr.

Pike

Pitman

Plummer

Pool

Potter

Pratt, A. Jr.

Pratt, I.

Reed

Robbins

Robinson, J.

Robinson, S. W.

Robinson, W.

Roby

Rockwood

Rogers, C. O.

Russell, G. W.

Sawyer, M. 2d,

Smith, B. M.

Smith, Heman

Smith, J. H.

Smith, W.

Sparrell

Messrs. Standish

Staples

Stebbins

Stoddard

Swan

Taft, C. A.

Tagart

Taylor, C.

Tarbell

Temple, A. H.

Temple, J. H.

Thatcher

Thaxter

Towne

Upton

Walker

Ward

Warren

Wheeler, A. B.

Wheeler, L.

Whiton

Wilcox

Willard

Williams, P. S.

Woodcock

York

Nays.**Messrs. Allen, S.**

Ashley

129

Messrs. Austin

Babcock

Messrs. Batchelder, S.

Baxter, J. A.

Blair

Bosworth

Brayton

Brewster

Burrill

Calef

Clapp

Codman

Conley

Curtis

Davis, J.

Dennie

Dunton

Dupee

Dyer, D.

Emerson

Emery

Endicott

Estes

Faulkner

Fenno

Flagg

Fletcher

Frye

Gale

Gaston

Goss

Guilford

Hale, C.

Hall, S. W.

Messrs. Hammond, D.

Haviland

Hicks

Homer

Jacobs

Jenkins

Leach

Lincoln

Loring, Harrison

Lovett

Lunt

Luscomb

Makepeace

Manson

Marble

Merwin

Miles

Mixer

Morriessy

Oliver

Orcutt

Phillips

Pomeroy

Poor

Pratt, J. 2d.

Rhoades

Rice

Ritchie

Robinson, E. R.

Rogers, J. W.

Russell, J. W.

Sawyer, J. 2d.

Messrs. Sever

Shepard

Slade

Smith, M.

Snow

Stevens

Stone

Story, S.

Stratton

Swallow

Taggart

Tenney, J.

Thayer

Thurston

Messrs. Tidd

Tilton

Titcomb

Torrey

Turner

Upham

Usher

Webb

Webber

Weeks

Weld

White, M.

Williams, J. O.

Yeas, 155; Nays, 95.

No. 11.

Yeas and Nays on the Question of ordering the Bill to re-annex Chelsea to Boston, to be engrossed. [See Journal, page 778.]

Yeas.**Messrs. Abercrombie**

Allen, J.

Ashley

Austin

Babcock

Batchelder, S.

Baxter, J. A.

Messrs. Baxter, W. W.

Blair

Blake

Blood

Bosworth

Bowker

Boyce

Messrs. Briggs, E.

Burt
Calef
Chamberlain
Chapin
Child, W. P.
Clapp
Clifford
Cole, S.
Colton
Cook
Davis, A.
Dyer, D.
Dyer, M. Jr.
Eastman
Estes
Evans
Faulkner
Fenno
Fessenden
Floyd
Ford
Freeland
Freeman
Fuller
Gardner
Godfrey
Gould
Goulding
Goss
Gray, J.
Guilford

Messrs. Hagar

Hall, S. W.
Hammond, A. B.
Harding
Hartwell
Haynes
Hero
Herrick
Heustis
Hildreth
Hills
Holbrook, A.
Howe
Howes
Johnson, J.
Johnson, J. P.
Johnson, W. F.
Keith, E.
Lewis, D. J.
Lewis, J. S.
Lovett
Low
Manning
Mayhew
Mayo
Meekins
Moore
Nickerson
Nye
Oliver
Orcutt
Parsons, E. T.

Messrs. Partridge

Phelps, H. Jr.

Phillips

Pollard

Pratt, C. M.

Reed

Rhoades

Robbins

Robinson, J.

Roby

Shaw

Shepard

Slade

Smith, B. M.

Smith, Heman

Smith, Hiram

Smith, J. H.

Smith, W.

Southworth

Sparrell

Messrs. Stebbins

Stevens

Story, I.

Tagart

Temple, A. H.

Tenney, G. I.

Thayer

Thatcher

Thacher

Upham

Usher

Vinson

Warner

Weeks

Weld

Weston

Wheeler, A. B.

White, M.

White, T. S.

Whiton

Nays.**Messrs. Allen, S.**

Barney

Bates

Beal, J. H.

Brewster

Burbank

Burrill

Coburn

Codman

Messrs. Converse, A. L.

Crane

Crocker

Crosby

Dennie

Dupee

Emerson

Emery

Endicott

Messrs. French

Frye
Gay
Gray, E.
Hale, C.
Hale, T. P.
Hall, F.
Hammond, D.
Handley
Haviland
Hinds
Holbrook, J. E.
Howard
Ingalls
Jenkins
Jones, P. C.
Knight
Lamb
Loring, Hollis
Lunt
Makepeace
Mansfield
Manson
Miles
Newhall
Nutter
Parker, J. W.
Parker, W.

Messrs. Pitman

Poor
Porter
Pratt, A. Jr.
Read
Rice
Ritchie
Robinson, E. R.
Robinson, S. W.
Rogers, J. W.,
Sever
Smith, M.
Staples
Swallow
Taft, P. W.
Taylor, C.
Tenney, J.
Thaxter
Tidd
Tilton
Torrey
Walker
Warren
Webb
Webber
Willard
Williams, J. O.
Worcester

Yeas, 118; Nays, 74.

No. 12.

Yeas and Nays on the Question of ordering Bill to establish a State Nautical School, to a third reading. [See Journal, page 820.]

Yeas.

Messrs. Austin

Babcock

Bagley

Barney

Baxter, J. A.

Beal, G. Jr.

Beal, J. H.

Bosworth

Brewster

Burbank

Chamberlain

Cole, M.

Crocker

Devereux

Dunton

Emerson

Emery

Fessenden

Frye

Godfrey

Goss

Hale, C.

Hale, T. P.

Messrs. Hall, S. W

Hammond, D.

Hammond, E.

Hard

Haviland

Haynes

Howes

Huse

Johnson, J. P.

Johnson, W. F.

Jones, Justin

Knight

Leach

Luscomb

Mansfield

Manson

Morrill

Morrisy

Murdock

Nickerson

Nutter

Pearce

Pitman, J. H.

Messrs. Plummer

Read
Rhoades
Robinson, E. R.
Rogers, C. O.
Russell, J. W.
Slade
Smith, M.
Swallow
Thayer
Thacher
Tidd

Messrs. Tilton

Titcomb
Torrey
Upham
Usher
Walker
Webber
Wheeler, A. B.
Whiton
Williams, J. O.
Williams, P. S.

Nays.**Messrs. Adams, L.**

Allen, J.
Allen, S.
Andrews
Armington
Arnold
Ashley
Baker
Baldwin
Batchelder, G.
Batchelder, S.
Baxter, W. W.
Belden
Blair
Blake
Bliss
Blood

Messrs. Bowker

Briggs, E.
Brooks
Burrill
Burt
Child, A.
Childs, W. P.
Clifford
Coburn
Cole, S.
Conant
Converse, W. B.
Cooley
Crane
Crosby
Crossman
Curtis

Messrs. Davenport

Davis, A.
Davis, J.
Dennie
Dewey
Dyer, D.
Dyer, M. Jr.
Earl
Eastman
Endicott
Estes
Evans
Faulkner
Felch
Fenno
Flagg
Floyd
Ford
Foster
Freeland
Freeman
French
Fuller
Gardner
Gavitt
Gay
Goff
Gordon
Gould
Goulding
Gray, E.
Gray, J.

Messrs. Guilford

Hager
Hammond, A. B.
Handley
Harding
Hartwell
Healy
Hero
Herrick
Heustis
Hicks
Hildreth
Hills
Hinds
Holbrook, A.
Holbrook, J. E.
Homer
Howe
Ingalls
Ingraham
Jacobs
Jenkins
Johnson, J.
Jones, Jonathan
Keith, E.
Keith, P.
Lawrence, A. L.
Lawrence, A. F.
Lewis, D. J.
Lewis, J. S.
Loring, Hollis
Lovett

Messrs. Low

Lunt
Makepeace
Manning
Marble
Mayhew
Mayo
Merriam
Miles
Milliken
Mixer
Moore
Mudge
Nelson
Newhall
Nye
Oliver
Orcutt
Paine
Parker, J. W.
Parker, W.
Parsons, E. T.
Parsons, S. L.
Partridge
Phelps, H. Jr.
Phelps, S. H.
Phillips
Pike
Pollard
Pomeroy
Pool
Porter

Messrs. Potter

Pratt, A. Jr.
Pratt, C. M.
Pratt, I.
Putnam
Reed
Rice
Robbins
Robinson, S. W.
Robinson, W.
Roby
Rockwood
Rogers, J. W.
Russell, G. W.
Sawyer, J. 2d.
Sawyer, M. 2d.
Sever
Shaw
Shepard
Smith, B. M.
Smith, Heman
Smith, Hiram
Smith, J. H.
Smith, W.
Snow
Sparrell
Standish
Staples
Stebbins
Stone
Story, S.
Stratton

Messrs. Strickland

Taft, C. A.

Taft, P. W.

Tagart

Taggart

Taylor, C.

Tarbell

Tenney, J.

Thatcher

Thaxter

Towne

Upton

Vinson

Ward

Warner

Warren

Waters

Messrs. Webb

Weeks

Weld

Wells

West

Weston

White, M.

White, T. S.

Whitney, H. G.

Whitney, O. Ir.

Wilcox

Willard

Wood

Woodcock

Worcester

York

Yeas, 69 ; Nays, 195.**No. 13.**

Yeas and Nays on the Question on Suspending the Rules for the purpose of reconsidering the vote whereby the State Nautical School Bill was refused a third reading. [See Journal, page 820.]

Yeas.**Messrs. Abercrombie**

Adams, L.

Allen, S.

Messrs. Andrews

Armington

Arnold

Messrs. Ashley

Babcock
Batchelder, G.
Baxter, W. W.
Blake
Bliss
Bowker
Boyce
Briggs, E.
Brooks
Burbank
Burt
Child
Childs
Clifford
Coburn
Cole, S.
Conant
Cooley
Crane
Crosby
Davenport
Davis, A.
Davis, J.
Dewey
Earl
Eastman
Endicott
Estes
Faulkner
Felch
Flagg

Messrs. Ford

Foster
Fuller
Gardner
Gaston
Gavitt
Gay
Goff
Goulding
Gray, E.
Gray, J.
Guilford
Hagar
Handley
Harding
Hartwell
Healy
Heustis,
Hicks
Hildreth
Hills
Howe
Ingalls
Ingraham
Jenkins
Johnson, J.
Jones, Jonathan
Keith, E.
Keith, P.
Lawrence, A. L.
Lewis, D. J.
Lunt

Messrs. Manning**Marble****Mayo****Miles****Mudge****Murdock****Nelson****Newhall****Nye****Oliver****Orcutt****Paine****Parker, J. W.****Parsons, E. T.****Parsons, S. L.****Partridge****Phelps, H. Jr.****Phillips****Pike****Pool****Porter****Potter****Pratt, A. Jr.****Pratt, C. M.****Pratt, I.****Putnam****Robbins****Robinson, W.****Roby****Rockwood****Rogers, J. W.****Russell, G. W.****Messrs. Sawyer, J. 2d.****Shepard****Smith, Heman****Smith, Hiram****Smith, J. H.****Snow****Sparrell****Standish****Staples****Stebbins****Stone****Stratton****Tagart****Taggart****Taylor, C.****Tarbell****Tenney, J.****Thatcher****Towne****Upton****Vinson****Ward****Warner****Waters****Webb****Weld****Wells****West****White, M.****White, T. S.****Whitney, H. G.****Whitney, O. Jr.**

Messrs. Whiton
Wilcox

Messrs. Willard
Woodcock

Nays.

Messrs. Austin

Barney
Blood
Bosworth
Burrill
Chamberlain
Cole, M.
Crocker
Dennie
Dunton
Dyer, D.
Dyer, M. Jr.
Emerson
Emery
Fenno
Fessenden
French
Godfrey
Gordon
Goss
Hale, C.
Hale, T. P.
Hall, S. W.
Hammond, D.
Hammond, E.
Hard
Haviland

Messrs. Haynes

Holbrook, A.
Howes
Huse
Johnson, W. F.
Jones, Justin
Knight
Leach
Lincoln
Luscomb
Milliken
Morrill
Morrisy
Nickerson
Nutter
Pearce
Pitman
Pollard
Read
Rhoades
Robinson, E. R.
Robinson, S. W.
Rogers, C. O.
Russell, J. W.
Sever
Smith, B. M.
Smith, M.

Messrs. Swallow**Taft, C. A.****Thacher****Thaxter****Tidd****Tilton****Titcomb****Torrey****Upham****Messrs. Usher****Walker****Warren****Webber****Weeks****Wheeler, A. B.****Williams, J. O.****Williams, P. S.****Yeas, 138; Nays, 71.**

No. 14.

Yeas and Nays on the Call of the House, on motion of Mr. Codman, of Boston. [See Journal, page 888.]

Yeas.**Messrs. Abercrombie****Adams, L.****Andrews****Armington****Arnold****Austin****Baker****Barney****Barrows****Batchelder, G.****Baxter, W. W.****Beal, G. Jr.****Blood****Messrs. Bosworth****Boyce****Brayton****Briggs, E.****Briggs, H. S.****Brooks****Burbank****Burrill****Calef****Chapin****Clifford****Coburn****Codman**

Messrs. Colton

Conant
Conley
Crane
Crocker
Crosby
Crossman
Curtis
Devereux
Dunton
Emery
Estes
Farrington
Faulkner
Fenno
Fessenden
Fletcher
French
Fuller
Gardner
Gaston
Gavitt
Gay
Gordon
Goss
Gray, J.
Hagar
Hale, C.
Hale, T. P.
Hard
Harding
Haviland

Messrs. Haynes

Herrick
Hicks
Hills
Hinds
Johnson, J.
Johnson, W. F.
Jones, Jonathan
Keith, P.
Lamb
Lawrence, A. F.
Leach
Littlefield
Loring, Harrison
Manning
Manson
Marble
Milliken
Mixer
Mudge
Murdock
Nelson
Newhall
Nickerson
Oliver
Orcutt
Paine
Parsons, E. T.
Pearce
Phelps, C. A.
Phelps, H. Jr.
Pike

Messrs. Pitman

Plummer
Pomeroy
Pool
Poor
Potter
Pratt, A. Jr.
Robbins
Robinson, E. R.
Robinson, S. W.
Roby
Rockwood
Rogers, J. W.
Russell, G. W.
Sever
Shepard
Smith, B. M.
Smith, Heman
Smith, J. H.
Snow
Sparrell
Standish
Stebbins
Stoddard
Stone
Story, I.
Story, S.
Strickland

Messrs. Swallow

Swan
Taft, C. A.
Taft, P. W.
Taggart
Tarbell
Temple, A. H.
Tenney, G. I.
Thacher
Thaxter
Thomas
Tidd
Titcomb
Torrey
Towne
Upham
Warren
Waters
Webber
Weeks
Weld
Weston
Wheeler, A. B.
White, M.
Whitney, O. Jr.
Wilkinson
Williams, P. S.
Worcester

Yeas, 146.

No. 15.

Yeas and Nays on the Call of the House, on motion of Mr. Robinson, of Charlestown. [See Journal, page 913.]

Yeas.

Messrs. Abercrombie

Adams, L.
Allen, J.
Arnold
Austin
Babcock
Batchelder, S.
Bates
Belden
Blair
Blake
Bliss
Blood
Bowker
Brayton
Briggs, E.
Chamberlain
Chapin
Child
Conant
Converse, A. L.
Converse, W. B.
Cook
Cooley

Messrs. Crane

Crosby
Davis, J.
Dean
Dewey
Dyer, D.
Earl
Emery
Estes
Flagg
Ford
Foster
Freeman
Gavitt
Gay
Goff
Gray, E.
Guilford
Hagar
Hammond, A. B.
Hard
Harding
Haviland
Haynes

Messrs. Hicks

Howard
Ingalls
Jacobs
Johnson, W. F.
Jones, Jonathan
Keith, P.
Kingsley
Littlefield
Lovett
Lunt
Luscomb
Mayhew
Meekins
Newhall
Orcutt
Parker, J. W.
Parsons, E. T.
Parsons, S. L.
Partridge
Phelps, C. A.
Phelps, S. H.
Phillips
Pitman
Plummer
Reed
Rhoades
Rice
Robinson, E. R.

Messrs. Robinson, S. W.

Robinson, W.
Rockwood
Russell, G. W.
Russell, J. W.
Shaw
Shepard
Slade
Smith, Heman
Tagart
Taggart
Taylor, C.
Temple, A. H.
Temple, J. H.
Tenney, G. I.
Thatcher
Thaxter
Thomas
Thurston
Upton
Usher
Vose
Walker
Webber
Weston
Whitney, O. Jr.
Wilcox
Williams, P. S.
Worcester

Yeas, 106.

No. 16.

Yeas and Nays on the Question of substituting the Bill offered by Mr. C. Hale, of Boston, viz.: "To discontinue the construction of the Hospital for the Insane in Western Massachusetts," for the Report of the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions. [See Journal, page 929.]

Yeas.

Messrs. Armington

Arnold

Babcock

Bagley

Batchelder, S.

Blake

Blood

Briggs, E.

Brooks

Burritt

Burt

Childs

Cole, S.

Conant

Cook

Crane

Crocker

Crosby

Dyer, M. Jr.

Edwards

Emerson

Messrs. Estes

Evans

Faulkner

Floyd

Foster

Freeman

Fuller

Gale

Gardner

Gavitt

Goff

Gordon

Goss

Hagar

Hale, C.

Hammond, A. B.

Hammond, E.

Hartwell

Haviland

Healy

Hildreth

Messrs. Hinds

Homer
Howes
Ingalls
Johnson, W. F.
Keith, E.
Lawrence, A. L.
Lewis, D. J.
Lunt
Makepeace
Marble
Mayhew
Morrisy
Newhall
• Nickerson
Orcutt
Paine
Pearce
Phillips
Pollard
Pool
Poor
Porter
• Pratt, A. Jr.
Pratt, I.
Pratt, J. 2d.
Reed
Rhoades
Rice
Ritchie

Messrs. Robbins

Robinson, S. W.
Robinson, W.
Rogers, J. W.
Russell, G. W.
Sawyer, M. 2d.
Sever
Shepard
Smith, B. M.
Smith, W.
Sparrell
Standish
Stone
Swallow
Taggart
Taylor, C.
Tarbell
Tenney, G. I.
Tenney, J.
Thurston
Tilton
Torrey
Walker
Ward
Waters
Weld
Weston
Whitney, H. G.
Whitney, O. Jr.
Woodcock

Nays.

Messrs. Abercrombie

Adams, L.
Allen, J.
Allen, S.
Andrews
Ashley
Austin
Baldwin
Barrows
Batchelder, G.
Bates
Baxter, J. A.
Beal, G. Jr.
Belden
Blair
Bosworth
Bowker
Boyce
Brayton
Briggs, H. S.
Brown
Calef
Case
Chapin
Child
Clapp
Clifford
Cole, M.
Colton

Messrs. Converse, A. L.

Converse, W. B.
Cooley
Crossman
Davenport
Davis, A.
Davis, J.
Dean
Dennie
Devereux
Dewey
Dyer, D.
Earl
Eastman
Emery
Flagg
Fletcher
Ford
Freeland
Gay
Gilbert
Gould
Goulding
Gray, J.
Hall, S. W.
Handley
Hard
Harding
Hawkes

Messrs. Hero

Herrick
Heustis
Hicks
Hills
Holbrook, A.
Howe
Ingraham
Johnson, J.
Jones, Jonathan
Keith, P.
Kingsley
Lamb
Leach
Littlefield
Loring, Hollis
Lovett
Low
Luscomb
Manning
Manson
Mayo
Meekins
Merriam
Miles
Milliken
Mixer
Morrill
Mudge
Nelson
Nye
Oliver

Messrs. Parsons, E. T.

Parsons, S. L.
Partridge
Phelps, H. Jr.
Phelps, S. H.
Pitman
Pomeroy
Putnam
Robinson, E. R.
Robinson, J.
Roby
Sawyer, J. 2d.
Shaw
Slade
Smith, Heman
Smith, Hiram
Smith, J. H.
Smith, M.
Smith, S. H. Jr.
Snow
Staples
Stebbins
Stevens
Story, S.
Stratton
Strickland
Taft, C. A.
Taft, P. W.
Tagart
Temple, A. H.
Temple, J. H.
Thatcher

Messrs. Thacher

Turner

Upham

Upton

Vinson

Warner

Warren

Webber

Weeks

Messrs. Wells

Wheeler, A. B.

Wheeler, L.

White, M.

White, T. S.

Whiton

Wilcox

Williams, J. O.

Williams, P. S.

Yeas, 102; Nays, 140.

No. 17.

Yeas and Nays on the Question of accepting the Report of the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, relative to the State Lunatic Hospital at Northampton. [See Journal, page 929.]

Yeas.

Messrs. Armington

Arnold

Bagley

Barney

Batchelder, S.

Baxter, J. A.

Blake

Blood

Briggs, E.

Brooks

Burrill

Messrs. Burrill

Cole, S.

Conant

Cook

Cooley

Crane

Crocker

Crosby

Dupee

Dyer, M. Jr.

Emerson

Messrs. Estes

Evans
Faulkner
Floyd
Foster
Freeman
Frye
Gale
Gardner
Gavitt
Goff
Gordon
Goss
Hagar
Hale, C.
Hammond, A. B.
Hammond, E.
Harding
Hartwell
Haviland
Healy
Hildreth
Holbrook, J. E.
Homer
Howes
Ingalls
Johnson, W. F.
Jones, P. C.
Keith, E.
Lawrence, A. L.
Leach
Lewis, D. J.

Messrs. Makepeace

Marble
Mayhew
Morrissy
Newhall
Nickerson
Orcutt
Paine
Pearce
Phillips
Pollard
Pool
Porter
Pratt, A. Jr.
Pratt, I.
Pratt, J. 2d.
Reed
Rhoades
Ritchie
Robbins
Robinson, J.
Robinson, S. W.
Robinson, W.
Rogers, J. W.
Sawyer, M. 2d.
Sever
Shepard
Smith, B. M.
Smith, W.
Sparrell
Stone
Swallow

Messrs. Taggart

Taylor, C.
Tarbell
Tenney, G. I.
Tenney, J.
Thurston
Tilton
Torrey

Messrs. Walker

Ward
Waters
Weld
Weston
Whitney, H. G.
Whitney, O. Jr.
Woodcock

Nays.**Messrs. Abercrombie**

Adams, L.
Allen, J.
Allen, S.
Andrews
Ashley
Austin
Babcock
Baldwin
Barrows
Batchelder, G.
Bates
Baxter, W. W.
Beal, G. Jr.
Belden
Blair
Bosworth
Bowker
Brayton
Brown
Calef

Messrs. Case

Chapin
Child, A.
Clapp
Clifford
Codman
Cole, M.
Colton
Converse, A. L.
Converse, W. B.
Crossman
Davenport
Davis, A.
Davis, J.
Dean
Dennie
Dewey
Dunton
Dyer, D.
Earl
Eastman

Messrs. Emery

Fessenden

Flagg

Ford

Freeland

Gay

Gould

Goulding

Gray, J.

Hale, T. P.

Hall, S. W.

Hard

Hawkes

Haynes

Hero

Herrick

Hicks

Hills

Holbrook, A.

Howe

Ingraham

Jacobs

Johnson, Jonathan

Johnson, J. P.

Jones, Jonathan

Jones, Justin

Keith, P.

Kinsley

Lawrence, A. F.

Lewis, J. S.

Lovett

Low

Messrs. Luscomb

Manning

Manson

Mayo

Meekins

Merriam

Miles

Milliken

Mixer

Morrill

Mudge

Nelson

Nye

Oliver

Parsons, E. T.

Parsons, S. L.

Partridge

Phelps, H. Jr.

S. H. Phelps

Pitman

Pomeroy

Potter

Robinson, E. R.

Roby

Sawyer, J. 2d.

Shaw

Slade

Smith, Heman

Smith, Hiram

Smith, J. H.

Smith, M.

Smith, S. H. Jr.

Messrs. Snow

Standish
 Stebbins
 Stevens
 Stratton
 Stickland
 Taft, C. A.
 Taft, P. W.
 Tagart
 Temple, A. H.
 Temple, J. H.
 Thatcher
 Thacher
 Turner

Messrs. Upham

Upton
 Vinson
 Warren
 Webber
 Weeks
 Wells
 Wheeler, A. B.
 White, M.
 White, T. S.
 Whiton
 Wilcox
 Williams, J. O.
 Williams, P. S.

Yeas, 102; Nays, 134.

No. 18.

Yeas and Nays on the Question of Ordering to a Third Reading the Bill in relation to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company. [See Journal, page 967.]

Yeas.**Messrs. Adams, L.**

Austin
 Batchelder, G.
 Bates
 Bosworth
 Briggs, H. S.

Messrs. Chapin

Clapp
 Cole, M.
 Conley
 Cooley
 Crosby

Messrs. Davis, J.

Dean

Dunton

Emery

Fenno

Fletcher

French

Goulding

Goss

Guilford

Hale, T. P.

Hall, F.

Hall, S. W.

Hammond, E.

Handley

Hard

Hawkes

Hills

Howe

Johnson, J. P.

Jones, Justin

Jones, P. C.

Keith, P.

Knight

Lamb

Lawrence, A. F.

Leach

Lewis, J. S.

Loring, Harrison

Loring, Hollis

Luscomb

Manson

Messrs. Merriam

Miles

Morrill

Mudge

Murdock

Nye

Orcutt

Parsons, S. L.

Partridge

Poor

Pratt, C. M.

Putnam

Read

Robinson, E. R.

Rockwood

Rogers, C. O.

Russell, J. W.

Sawyer, J. 2d.

Smith, B. M.

Smith, Hiram

Smith, W.

Snow

Stebbins

Stevens

Story, I.

Stratton

Swan

Taft, P. W.

Tarbell

Tenney, G. I.

Thayer

Tidd

Messrs. Upham

Upton

Vose

Warner

Messrs. Weeks

Whitney, H. G.

Whitney, O. Jr.

Nays.**Messrs. Allen, J.**

Allen, S.

Andrews

Armington

Arnold

Babcock

Bagley

Baldwin

Barney

Barrows

Batchelder, S.

Baxter, J. A.

Beal, G. Jr.

Beal, J. H.

Belden

Blair

Bliss

Blood

Brayton

Brewster

Briggs, E.

Burrill

Burt

Case

Chamberlain

Messrs. Child

Clifford

Codman

Cole, S.

Colton

Conant

Converse, A. L.

Converse, W. B.

Cook

Crane

Crocker

Crossman

Curtis

Davenport

Davis, A.

Dennie

Devereux

Dewey

Dupee

Dyer, D.

Earl

Eastman

Edwards

Emerson

Endicott

Messrs. Estes**Evans****Farrington****Faulkner****Feleh****Flagg****Ford****Foster****Freeman****Frye****Fuller****Gale****Gardner****Gaston****Gavitt****Gay****Gilbert****Godfrey****Goff****Gordon****Gould****Gray, E.****Gray, J.****Hagar****Hale, C.****Hammond, A. B.****Harding****Hartwell****Haviland****Healy.****Hero****Herrick****Messrs. Heustis****Hicks****Hildreth****Hinds****Holbrook, A.****Holbrook, J. E.****Homer**• **Howard****Howes****Huse****Ingalls****Ingraham****Jacobs****Jenkins****Johnson, J.****Johnson, W. F.****Jones, Jonathan****Keith, E.****Lawrence, A. L.****Lewis, D. J.****Littlefield****Lovett****Low****Makepeace****Manning****Mansfield****Marble****Mayhew****Mayo****Meekins****Merwin****Milliken**

Messrs. Mixter

Morrisy
Nelson
Newhall
Nickerson
Nutter
Oliver
Paine •
Parker, J. W.
Parsons, E. T.
Pearce
Phelps, H. Jr.
Phelps, W.
Phillips
Pitman
Plummer
Pollard
Pomeroy
Pool
Porter
Pratt, A. Jr.
Pratt, I.
Pratt, J. 2d
Reed
Rhoades
Rice
Ritchie
Robbins
Robinson, J.
Robinson, S. W.
Robinson, W.
Roby

Messrs. Rogers, J. W.

Russell, G. W.
Sawyer, M. 2d.
Sever
Shepard
Slade
Smith, Heman
Smith, M.
Smith, S. H. Jr.
Sparrell
Standish
Staples
Story, S.
Swallow
Taft, C. A.
Tagart
Taggart
Taylor, C.
Temple, A. H.
Thacher
Thaxter
Thomas
Tilton
Torrey
Turner
Usher
Vinson
Walker
Ward
Warren
Waters
Webb

Messrs. Webber**Weld****Wells****West****Weston****White, M.****White, T. S.****Messrs. Wilcox****Willard****Williams, J. O.****Wood****Woodcock****Worcester****York****Yeas, 83; Nays, 192.**

No. 19.

Yeas and Nays on the Question of Mr. Pike's Amendment to the Bill in addition to the several Acts for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, &c. [See Journal, page 1003.]

Yeas.**Messrs. Adams E.****Adams, L.****Allen, J.****Allen, S.****Andrews****Armington****Babcock****Baker****Batchelder, G.****Bates****Blake****Bliss****Bowker****Messrs. Briggs, E.****Brooks****Burbank****Burrill****Burt****Child****Childs****Clapp****Coburn****Codman****Cole, S.****Converse, A. L.****Cooley**

Messrs. Crane

Crossman
Davis, A.
Dupee
Earl
Eastman
Emerson
Estes
Faulkner
Fenno
Flagg
Freeland
French
Gardner
Gaston
Gay
Hale, C.
Hammond, A. B.
Hammond, E.
Handley
Healy
Hero
Heustis
Hills
Hinds
Homer
Howard
Ingraham
Jacobs
Jenkins
Jones, Jonathan
Keith, E.

Messrs. Lawrence, A. L.

Leach
Loring, Hollis
Manning
Marble
Merriam
Miles
Milliken
Morrisy
Mudge
Nelson
Newhall
Nickerson
Oliver
Parsons, E. T.
Phillips
Pike
Plummer
Pool
Porter
Pratt, A. Jr.
Pratt, I.
Rice
Robinson, W.
Rockwood
Russell, G. W.
Sawyer, M. 2d
Shepard
Slade
Smith, J. H.
Stebbins
Stratton

Messrs. Taft, C. A.**Taft, P. W.****Taylor, C.****Temple, A. H.****Tenney, J.****Thacher****Titcomb****Upton****Vinson****Messrs. Waters****Weeks****Weld****Weston****Wheeler, L.****Whitney, H. G.****Wilcox****Wilkinson****Wood****Nays.****Messrs. Arnold****Ashley****Austin****Barney****Barrows****Batchelder, S.****Baxter, J. A.****Beal, G. Jr.****Beal, J. H.****Blair****Blood****Bosworth****Boyce****Brayton****Brewster****Briggs, H. S.****Calef****Case****Messrs. Conant****Conley****Converse, W. B.****Crosby****Chamberlain****Cole, M.****Colton****Curtis****Dennie****Devereux****Dewey****Dunton****Dyer, D.****Emery****Endicott****Evans****Farrington****Felch**

Messrs. Fessenden

Fletcher
Floyd
Ford
Foster
Frye
Gavitt
Gilbert
Godfrey
Goff
Gould
Goss
Gray, J.
Hagar
Hale, T. P.
Hall, F.
Hall, S. W.
Hard
Harding
Hartwell
Haviland
Haynes
Herrick
Hicks
Hildreth
Holbrook, A.
Howe
Howes
Ingalls
Johnson, J.
Johnson, W. F.
Jones, Justin

Messrs. Jones, T. N.

Keith, P.
Knight
Lawrence, A. F.
Lewis, D. J.
Lewis, J. S.
Lincoln
Lovett
Low
Luscomb
Makepeace
Mansfield
Manson
Mayhew
Mayo
Meekins
Merwin
Mixer
Moore
Morrill
Murdock
Nye
Orcutt
Partridge
Pearce
Phelps, H. Jr.
Phelps, S. H.
Pitman
Pollard
Putnam
Reed
Ritchie

Messrs. Robinson, E. R.**Robinson, J.****Robinson, S. W.****Roby****Rogers, J. W.****Russell, J. W.****Sawyer, J. 2d.****Sever****Smith, B. M.****Smith, Heman****Smith, Hiram****Smith, M.****Smith, S. H. Jr.****Smith, W.****Snow****Sparrell****Standish****Stevens****Story, I.****Story, S.****Swallow****Tagart****Taggart****Temple, J. H.****Messrs. Thayer****Thatcher****Thaxter****Tnomas****Tilton****Torrey****Towne****Turner****Usher****Vose****Walker****Ward****Warner****Warren****Webb****Webber****Wheeler, A. B.****White, M.****White, T. S.****Willard****Williams, J. O.****Williams, P. S.****Woodcock****Worcester****Yeas, 108; Nays, 148.**

No. 20.

Yeas and Nays on the Question substituting the Minority Report for that of the Majority on the Personal Liberty Bill.
[See Journal, page 1018.]

Yeas.

Messrs. Armington

Baldwin

Barney

Batchelder, S.

Beal, G. Jr.

Beal, J. H.

Bosworth

Brewster

Briggs, E.

Brown

Burbank

Case

Chapin

Childs

Codman

Cole, S.

Converse, W. B.

Crossman

Davenport

Dennie

Devereux

Dewey

Dunton

Messrs. Dupee .

Dyer, D.

Edwards

Emerson

Emery

Endicott

Fenno

Fessenden

Floyd

Foster

Gavitt

Gray, E.

Hagar

Hale, C.

Hale, T. P.

Hall, F.

Hall, S. W.

Hammond, A. B.

Handley

Haynes

Hicks

Hildreth

Hinds

Messrs. Holbrook, A.

Howard
Jacobs
Johnson, J.
Johnson, W. F.
Jones, Justin
Jones, P. C.
Jones, T. N.
Knight
Lamb
Lincoln
Loring, Harrison
Lovett
Lunt
Luscomb
Makepeace
Manning
Manson
Marble
Mayo
Meekins
Merwin
Mixer
Morrisy
Mudge
Murdock
Newhall
Nutter
Nye
Oliver
Orcutt
Paine

Messrs. Pearce

Phelps, S. H.
Pitman
Pomeroy
Pratt, I.
Read
Rice
Ritchie
Robinson, E. R.
Robinson, S. W.
Rogers, C. O.
Rogers, J. W.
Russell, J. W.
Sawyer, J. 2d.
Sawyer, M. 2d.
Sever
Shaw
Shepard
Snow
Southworth
Sparrell
Standish
Stevens
Stone
Story, I.
Stratton
Swallow
Taggart
Taylor, C.
Thacher
Thaxter
Thomas

Messrs. Thurston**Tidd****Tilton****Torrey****Turner****Upham****Vose****Ward****Warner****Warren****Messrs. Webb****Webber****Wheeler, L.****White, T. S.****Wilkinson****Willard****Williams, J. O.****Woodcock****Worcester****York****Nays.****Messrs. Adams, L.****Allen, J.****Allen, S.****Andrews****Babcock****Barrows****Batchelder, G.****Bates****Belden****Blair****Blake****Blood****Bowker****Briggs, H. S.****Burt****Child****Clapp****Conant****Converse, A. L.****Messrs. Cooley****Crane****Davis, A.****Davis, J.****Earl****Eastman****Estes****Farrington****Faulkner****Flagg****Ford****Freeland****Freeman****Fuller****Gardner****Gay****Godfrey****Goff****Gordon**

Messrs. Hard

Harding
Healy
Hero
Herrick
Heustis
Hills
Homer
Howes
Ingraham
Jenkins
Jones, Jonathan
Keith, E.
Keith, P.
Kingsley
Lawrence, A. L.
Leach
Loring, Hollis
Low
Mansfield
Mayhew
Merriam
Miles
Morrill
Nelson
Nickerson
Parker, J. W.
Parsons, E. T.
Partridge
Phelps, H. Jr.
Phillips

Messrs. Pike

Pollard
Poor
Porter
Pratt, A. Jr.
Pratt, C. M.
Pratt, J. 2d.
Putnam
Rhoades
Robbins
Robinson, J.
Robinson, W.
Roby
Rockwood
Russell, G. W.
Slade
Smith, B. M.
Smith, Heman
Smith, Hiram
Smith, W.
Stebbins
Stoddard
Strickland
Taft, C. A.
Taft, P. W.
Tagart
Temple, A. H.
Temple, J. H.
Tenney, G. I.
Tenney, J.
Thayer

Messrs. Thatcher

Titcomb

Vinson

Waters

Weeks

Weld

Weston

Messrs. White, M.

Whitney, H. G.

Whitney, O. Jr.

Wilcox

Williams, P. S.

Wood

Yeas, 130; Nays, 113.

 No. 21.

Yeas and Nays on the Question on ordering to a Third Reading the Bill to Repeal the four hundred and eighty-ninth Chapter of the Acts of eighteen hundred and fifty-five. [See Journal, page 1023.]

Yeas.

Messrs. Armington

Arnold

Austin

Baldwin

Barney

Batchelder, S.

Baxter, W. W.

Beal, G. Jr.

Beal, J. H.

Blair

Bosworth

Brewster

Messrs. Briggs, E.

Brown

Burbank

Burrill

Calef

Case

Chamberlain

Chapin

Childs

Clifford

Cole, S.

Conley

Messrs. Converse, W. B.

Cook
Crossman
Davenport
Dennie
Devereux
Dewey
Dunton
Dupeo
Dyer, D.
Edwards
Emerson
Emery
Endicott
Evans
Farrington
Felch
Fenno
Fessenden
Fletcher
Floyd
Foster
Frye
Gale
Gaston
Gavitt
Goss
Gray, E.
Hager
Hale, C.
Hale, T. P.
Hall, F.

Messrs. Hall, S. W.

Hammond, A. B.
Hammond, E.
Hartwell
Haviland
Haynes
Hicks
Hildreth
Holbrook, A.
Holbrook, J. E.
Jacobs
Johnson, J.
Johnson, W. F.
Jones, Justin
Jones, P. C.
Knight
Lamb
Lincoln
Littlefield
Loring, Harrison
Lovett
Lunt
Luscomb
Makepeace
Manson
Marble
Mayo
Meekins
Merwin
Mixer
Morrisy
Newhall

Messrs. Nutter

Nye
 Oliver
 Orcutt
 Pearce
 Phelps, S. H.
 Pitman
 Plummer
 Pomeroy
 Pratt, I.
 Read
 Rice
 Ritchie
 Robinson, E. R.
 Robinson, S. W.
 Rogers, J. W.
 Russell, J. W.
 Sawyer, J. 2d
 Sawyer, M. 2d
 Sever
 Shaw
 Shepard
 Smith, M.
 Southworth
 Sparrell
 Staples
 Stevens
 Stone

Messrs. Story, I.

Stratton
 Swallow
 Taggart
 Taylor, C.
 Thacher
 Thaxter
 Thomas
 Thurston
 Tilton
 Torrey
 Towne
 Turner
 Upham
 Usher
 Vose
 Walker
 Ward
 Warner
 Warren
 Webb
 Webber
 Wheeler, L.
 White, T. S.
 Wilkinson
 Williams, J. O.
 Woodcock
 York

Nays.

Messrs. Adams, E.
 Adams, L.

Messrs. Allen, J.
 Allen, S.

Messrs. Andrews

Babcock
Baker
Barrows
Batchelder, G.
Bates
Belden
Blake
Bliss
Blood
Bowker
Brayton
Briggs, H. S.
Brooks
Burt
Child
Clapp
Colton
Conant
Converse, A. L.
Cooley
Crane
Crocker
Curtis
Davis, A.
Davis, J.
Earl
Eastman
Estes
Faulkner
Flagg
Ford

Messrs. Freeland

Freeman
Fuller
Gardner
Gay
Godfrey
Goff
Gordon
Gould
Goulding
Gray, J.
Guilford
Hard
Harding
Healy
Hero
Herrick
Heustis
Hills
Homor
Howe
Howes
Huse
Ingraham
Jenkins
Jones, Jonathan
Keith, P.
Kingsley
Lawrence, A. L.
Leach
Lewis, J. S.
Low

Messrs. Mansfield

Mayhew

Merriam

Miles

Morrill

Nelson

Nickerson

Parsons, E. T.

Partridge

Phelps, H. Jr.

Phillips

Pike

Pollard

Pool

• Poor

Potter

Pratt, A. Jr.

Pratt, J. 2d

Putnam

Rhoades

Robbins

Robinson, W.

Rohy

Rockwood

Russell, G. W.

Slade

Smith, B. M.

Smith, Heman

Messrs. Smith, Hiram

Smith, J. H.

Smith, W.

Snow

Standish

Stebbins

Stoddard

Strickland

Taft, C. A.

Taft, P. W.

Tagart

Tarbell

Temple, A. H.

Temple, J. H.

Tenney, J.

Thatcher

Titcomb

Upton

Vinson

Waters

Weeks

Weld

Weston

White, M.

Whitney, H. G.

Whitney, O. Jr.

Wilcox

Wood

Yeas, 144; Nays, 124.

No. 22.

Yeas and Nays on the Question of the Amendment offered by Mr. Knight, of Marblehead, to the Resolve concerning the assault upon Charles Sumner, as amended by Mr. Merwin, of Boston. [See Journal, page 1052.]

Yeas.

Messrs. Adams, L.

Allen, J.

Allen, S.

Andrews

Arnold

Austin

Babcock

Baker

Barrows

Batchelder, S.

Bates

Beal, G. Jr.

Belden

Blair

Blake

Bliss

Bosworth

Brayton

Brooks

Burt

Child

Childs

Clapp

Messrs. Clifford

Coburn

Codman

Cole, M.

Colton

Conant

Conley

Converse, A. L.

Converse, W. B.

Cooley

Crane

Crocker

Curtis

Davenport

Davis, A.

Davis, J.

Dennie

Devereux

Dupee

Dyer, D.

Dyer, M. Jr.

Emery

Estes

Messrs. Faulkner

Felch
Flagg
Floyd
Ford
Freeland
Freeman
Frye
Fuller
Gaston
Gay
Godfrey
Gordon
Gould
Goulding
Gray, J.
Hagar
Hale, C.
Hall, F.
Hall, S. W.
Hammond, A. B.
Hammond, E.
Hard
Harding
Haviland
Haynes
Healy
Herrick
Hicks
Hildreth
Hills
Holbrook, A

Messrs. Howe

Howes
Huse
Ingalls
Ingraham .
Jacobs
Jenkins
Johnson, J.
Johnson, J. P.
Johnson, W. F.
Jones, Jonathan
Jones, P. C.
Keith, E.
Keith, P.
Lawrence, A. L.
Leach
Lewis, D. J.
Lincoln .
Littlefield
Lovett
Low
Manson
Mayhew
Merriam
Merwin
Miles
Mixer
Morrill
Morrisy
Nelson
Nickerson
Nye

Messrs. Oliver

Orcutt

Paine

Parsons, E. T.

Parsons, S. L.

Partridge

Pearce

Phelps, H. Jr.

Phelps, S. H.

Phillips

Pike

Pollard

Pomeroy

Pool

Poor

Pratt, A. Jr.

Read

Reed

Rhoades

Ritchie

Robbins

Robinson, J.

Robinson, W.

Roby

Rockwood

Russell, G. W.

Sawyer, J. 2d.

Sawyer, M. 2d

Shepard

Slade

Smith, B. M.

Messrs. Smith, Heman

Smith, Hiram

Smith, J. H.

Smith, M.

Smith, S. H. Jr.

Smith, W.

Snow

Sparrell

Staples

Stebbins

Stoddard

Taft, C. A.

Taft, P. W.

Tagart

Tarbell

Temple, A. H.

Temple, J. H.

Tenney, G. I.

Tenney, J.

Thayer

Thacher

Torrey

Turner

Upham

Upton

Vinson

Ward

Warner

Waters

Webb

Weeks

Messrs. Weld

Wells

• Weston

Wheeler, A. B.

White, T. S.

Whitney, H. G.

Messrs. Whitney, O. Jr.

Whiton

Wilcox

Williams, J. O.

Williams, P. S.

Nays.

Messrs. Adams, E.

Armington

Briggs, E.

Burrill

Case

Crossman

Emerson

Endicott

Fenno

Gardner

Goss

Knight

Lamb

Lawrence, A. F.

Lewis, J. S.

Lunt

Luscomb

Makepeace

Mayo

Messrs. Newhall

Pitman

Plummer

Robinson, E. R.

Robinson, S. W.

Rogers, J. W.

Russell, J. W.

Sever

Stone

Stratton

Swallow

Taylor, C.

Thaxter

Thomas

Tilton

Vose

Webber

Wilkinson

Yeas, 183; Nays, 37.

No. 23.

Yeas and Nays on the Question of ordering to a Third Reading the Resolves concerning the recent assault upon the Hon. Charles Sumner, at Washington. [See Journal, page 1053.]

Yeas.

Messrs. Adams, E.

Adams, L.

Allen, J.

Allen, S.

Andrews

Arnold

Austin

Babcock

Baker

Barrows

Batchelder, S.

Bates

Beal, G. Jr.

Belden

Blair

Blake

Bliss

Bosworth

Brayton

Brooks

Burt

Case

Messrs. Coburn

Clapp

Clifford

Childs

Child

Codman

Cole, M.

Colton

Conant

Conley

Converse, A. L.

Converse, W. B.

Cooley

Crane

Crocker

Curtis

Davenport

Davis, A.

Davis, J.

Dennie

Devereaux

Dupee.

Messrs. Dyer, D.

Dyer, M. Jr.

Emery

Estes

Faulkner

Felch

Fenno

Flagg

Ford

Freeland

Freeman

Fuller

Gardner

Gaston

Gavitt

Gay

Godfrey

Gordon

Gould

Goulding

Goss

Gray, J.

Hagar

Hale, C.

Hall, F.

Hall, S. W.

Hammond, A. B.

Hammond, E.

Hard

Harding

Haviland

Haynes

Messrs. Healy

Herrick

Hicks

Hildreth

Hills

Holbrook, A.

Howe

Howes

Huse

Ingalls

Ingraham

Jacobs

Jenkins

Johnson, Jonathan

Johnson, J. P.

Johnson, W. F.

Jones, Jonathan

Jones, P. C.

Keith, P.

Lawrence, A. L.

Leach

Lewis, D. J.

Lewis, J. S.

Lincoln

Littlefield

Loring, Harrison

Lovett

Low

Mayhew

Merriam

Merwin

Miles

Messrs. Mixer

Morrill

Morrisy

Nickerson

Nye

Oliver

Orcutt

Paine

Parsons, E. T.

Parsons, S. L.

Partridge

Pearce

Phelps, C. A.

Phelps, H. Jr.

Phelps, S. H.

Phillips

Pike

Pollard

Pomeroy

Poor

Pratt, A. Jr.

Reed

Rhoades

Ritchie

Robbins

Robinson, E. R.

Robinson, J.

Robinson, W.

Roby

Rockwood

Russell, G. W.

Sawyer, J. 2d.

Messrs. Sawyer, M. 2d.

Shepard

Slade

Smith, B. M.

Smith, Heman

Smith, Hiram

Smith, J. H.

Smith, M.

Smith, S. H. Jr.

Smith, W.

Snow

Staples

Stebbins

Stoddard

Stone

Swallow

Taft, C. A.

Taft, P. W.

Taggart

Tarbell

Temple, A. H.

Temple, J. H.

Tenney, J.

Thayer

Thacher

Thomas

Torrey

Turner

Upham

Upton

Vinson

Ward

Messrs. Warner

Waters

Webb

Weeks

Weld

Wells

Weston

Wheeler, A. B.

Messrs. White, T. S.

Whitney, H. G.

Whitney, O. Jr.

Whiton

Wilcox

Williams, J. O.

Williams, P. S.

Nays.

Messrs. Armington

Briggs, E.

Burrill

Knight

Lamb

Lawrence, A. F.

Luscomb

Makepeace

Mayo

Newhall

Pitman

Plummer

Messrs. Robinson, S. W.

Rogers, J. W.

Russell, J. W.

Sever

Stratton

Taylor, C.

Thaxter

Tilton

Vose

Webber

Wilkinson

Yeas, 187; Nays, 23.

No. 24.

Yeas and Nays on the Question of adopting the Amendment
of Mr. Stoddard, of Worcester, to the Personal Liberty Bill.
[See Journal, page 1067.]

Yeas.

Messrs. Adams E.

Adams, L.

Allen, J.

Allen, S.

Andrews

Ashley

Austin

Babcock

Baker

Barrows

Batchelder, G.

Bates

Belden

Blair

Blake

Bliss

Blood

Bowker

Boyce

Brayton

Briggs, H. S.

Brooks

Burt

Messrs. Calef

Child

Cole, M.

Colton

Conant

Conley

Converse, A. L.

Cooley

Crane

Crocker

Curtis

Davis, A.

Davis, J.

Earl

Emery

Estes

Evans

Faulkner

Flagg

Ford

Freeland

Freeman

French

Messrs. Fuller

Gardner

Gay

Godfrey

Goff

Gordon

Gould

Goulding

Gray, J.

Guilford

Hammond, A. B.

Hard

Harding

Haynes

Healy

Hero

Herrick

Heustis

Hills

Holbrook, J. E.

Homer

Howe

Howes

Huse

Ingraham

Jenkins

Johnson, J.

Johnson, J. P.

Johnson, W. F.

Jones, Jonathan

Keith, E.

Keith, P.

Messrs. Lawrence, A. L.

Leach

Lewis, D. J.

Lewis, J. S.

Littlefield

Loring, Hollis

Low

Mansfield

Mayhew

Merriam

Miles

Milliken

Nelson

Nickerson

Paine

Parker, J. W.

Parsons, E. T.

Parsons, S. L.

Partridge

Phelps, C. A.

Phelps, H. Jr.

Phillips

Pike

Pollard

Pool

Porter

Pratt, A. Jr.

Pratt, C. M.

Pratt, J. 2d.

Putnam

Reed

Rhodes

Messrs. Robbins

Robinson, J.
Robinson, W.
Roby
Rockwood
Russell, G. W.
Sawyer, J. 2d.
Shaw
Slade
Smith, B. M.
Smith, Heman
Smith, Hiram
Smith, J. H.
Smith, S. H. Jr.
Smith, W.
Snow
Southworth
Standish
Staples
Stoddard
Story, S.
Taft, C. A.
Taft, P. W.

Messrs. Tagart

Temple, A. H.
Temple, J. H.
Tenney, J.
Thatcher
Titcomb
Towne
Upham
Upton
Waters
Weeks
Weld
Wells
Weston
Wheeler, A. B.
White, M.
White, T. S.
Whitney, H. G.
Whitney, O. Jr.
Whiton
Wilcox
Williams, P. S.
Wood

Nays.**Messrs. Armington**

Arnold
Barney
Batchelder, S.
Beal, G. Jr.

Messrs. Beal, J. H.

Bosworth
Brewster
Briggs, E.
Burbank

Messrs. Burrill

Case
Chamberlain
Chapin
Childs
Clifford
Converse, W. B.
Cook
Crossman
Davenport
Dean
Dennie
Devereux
Dewey
Dunton
Dupee
Dyer, D.
Dyer, M. Jr.
Edwards
Endicott
Farrington
Felch
Fenno
Fessenden
Fletcher
Floyd
Foster
Frye
Gaston
Gavitt
Goss
Gray, E.

Messrs. Hagar

Hale, C.
Hale, T. P.
Hall, F.
Hall, S. W.
Handley
Hartwell
Haviland
Hicks
Hildreth
Holbrook, A.
Howard
Jacobs
Jones, Justin
Jones, P. C.
Jones, T. N.
Knight
Lamb
Lawrence, A. F.
Loring, Harrison
Lovett
Lunt
Luscomb
Makepeace
Manning
Manson
Marble
Mayo
Meekins
Merwin
Mixer
Morrisy

Messrs. Murdock

Newhall

Nutter

Nye

Oliver

Orcutt

Pearce

Phelps, S. H.

Pitman

Putnam

Pomeroy

Pratt, I.

Read

Rice

Ritchie

Robinson, E. R.

Robinson, S. W.

Rogers, C. O.

Rogers, J. W.

Russell, J. W.

Sawyer, M. 2d.

Sever

Shepard

Smith, M.

Sparrell

Story, I.

Stratton

Swallow

Messrs. Taggart

Taylor, C.

Tarbell

Tenney, G. I.

Thacher

Thaxter

Thomas

Thurston

Tidd

Torrey

Turner

Usher

Vose

Walker

Ward

Warner

Warren

Webb

Webber

West

Wheeler, L.

Wilkinson

Willard

Williams, J. O.

Woodcock

Worcester

York

Years, 156; Nays, 129.

No. 25.

Yeas and Nays on the Question of ordering the Personal Liberty Bill, as amended, to be engrossed. [See Journal, page 1068.]

Yeas.

Messrs. Adams, E.

Adams, L.

Andrews

Ashley

Austin

Babcock

Baker

Baldwin

Barrows

Batchelder, G.

Bates

Belden

Blair

Blake

Bliss

Blood

Bowker

Boyce

Brayton

Briggs, H. S.

Brooks

Burt

Messrs. Calef

Child

Cole, M.

Colton

Conant

Conley

Converse, A. L.

Cooley

Crane

Crocker

Curtis

Davis, A.

Davis, J.

Earl

Emery

Estes

Evans

Faulkner

Flagg

Ford

Freeland

Freeman

Messrs. French

Fuller
Gardner
Gay
Godfrey
Goff
Gordon
Gould
Goulding
Gray, J.
Guilford
Hammond, A. B.
Hard
Harding
Haynes
Healy
Hero
Herrick
Heustis
Hills
Holbrook, J. E.
Homer
Howe
Howes
Huse
Ingraham
Jenkins
Johnson, J.
Johnson, J. P.
Johnson, W. F.
Jones, Jonathan
Keith, E.

Messrs. Keith, P.

Lawrence, A. L.
Leach
Lewis, D. J.
Lewis, J. S.
Littlefield
Loring, Hollis
Low
Mansfield
Mayhew
Merriam
Miles
Milliken
Moore
Nelson
Nickerson
Parsons, E. T.
Parsons, S. L.
Partridge
Phelps, C. A.
Phelps, H. Jr.
Phillips
Pike
Pollard
Pool
Porter
Pratt, A. Jr.
Pratt, C. M.
Pratt, J. 2d.
Putnam
Reed
Rhoades

Messrs. Robbins

Robinson, J.
 Robinson, W.
 Roby
 Rockwood
 Russell, G. W.
 Sawyer, J. 2d
 Shaw
 Slade
 Smith, B. M.
 Smith, Heman
 Smith, Hiram
 Smith, J. H.
 Smith, S. H. Jr.
 Smith, W.
 Snow
 Southworth
 Standish
 Staples
 Stoddard
 Stone
 Story, S.
 Taft, C. A.
 Taft, P. W.

Messrs. Tagart

Temple, A. H.
 Temple, J. H.
 Tenney, J.
 Thatcher
 Titcomb
 Towne
 Turner
 Upham
 Upton
 Waters
 Weeks
 Weld
 Wells
 Weston
 Wheeler, A. B.
 White, M.
 White, T. S.
 Whitney, H. G.
 Whitney, O. Jr.
 Whiton
 Wilcox
 Williams, P. S.
 Wood

Nays.**Messrs. Armington**

Arnold
 Barney
 Batchelder, S.

Messrs. Beal, G. Jr.

Beal, J. H.
 Bosworth
 Brewster

Messrs. Briggs, E.

Burbank

Burrill

Case

Chamberlain

Chapin

Childs

Clifford

Codman

Converse, W. B.

Cook

Crossman

Davenport

Dean

Dennie

Dewey

Dunton

Dupee

Dyer, D.

Dyer, M. Jr.

Edwards

Endicott

Farrington

Felch

Fenno

Fessenden

Fletcher

Floyd

Foster

Frye

Gaston

Gavitt

Messrs. Goss

Gray, E.

Hager

Hale, C.

Hale, T. P.

Hall, F.

Hall, S. W.

Handley

Hartwell

Haviland

Hicks

Hildreth

Holbrook, A.

Howard

Jacobs

Jones, Justin

Jones, P. C.

Jones, T. N.

Knight

Lamb

Lawrence, A. F.

Loring, Harrison

Lovett

Lunt

Luscomb

Makepeace

Manning

Manson

Marble

Mayo

Meekins

Merwin

Messrs. Morrisy

Murdock

Newhall

Nutter

Nye

Oliver

Orcutt

Pearce

Phelps, S. H.

Pitman

Plummer

Pomeroy

Pratt, I.

Rice

Ritchie

Robinson, E. R.

Robinson, S. W.

Rogers, C. O.

Rogers, J. W.

Russell, J. W.

Sawyer, M. 2d

Sever

Shepard

Smith, M.

Sparrell

Story, I.

Messrs. Stratton

Swallow

Taggart

Taylor, C.

Tarbell

Tenney, G. I.

Thatcher

Thaxter

Thomas

Thurston

Tidd

Tilton

Torrey

Usher

Vose

Walker

Warner

Warren

Webb

Webber

West

Wheeler, L.

Wilkinson

Williams, J. O.

Woodcock

York

Yeas, 156; Nays, 124.

No. 26.

Yeas and Nays on the Question on the Amendment offered by Mr. Wilkinson, of Dedham, to the Resolves for the Relief of the Sons and Daughters of Massachusetts in Kansas. [See Journal, page 1119.]

Yeas.**Messrs. Armington**

Arnold
Babcock
Barney
Batchelder, S.
Baxter, J. A.
Beal, J. H.
Blair
Bosworth
Brewster
Briggs, E.
Brooks
Brown
Childs
Clifford
Codman
Cole, M.
Cole, S.
Converse, W. B.
Cook
Crane
Crossman

Messrs. Dean

Dennie
Devereux
Dewey
Dunton
Dupee
Dyer, D.
Edwards
Emerson
Emery
Endicott
Farrington
Felch
Fenno
Fessenden
Foster
Frye
Gaston
Goulding
Hale, T. P.
Hall, F.
Hall, S. W.

Messrs. Hammond, E.

Handley
Haviland
Hawkes
Holbrook, A.
Howard
Jones, Justin
Jones, P. C.
Knight
Lawrence, A. F.
Lincoln
Loring, Harrison
Lovett
Low
Lunt
Luscomb
Makepeace
Manning
Mansfield
Manson
Marble
Mayo
Meekins
Mixer
Morrisy
Mudge
Newhall
Nye
Orcutt
Paine
Pitman
Pomeroy

Messrs. Porter

Pratt, I
Read
Rice
Ritchie
Robinson, E. R.
Robinson, S. W.
Rogers, C. O.
Rogers, J. W.
Russell, J. W.
Sawyer, J. 2d.
Sawyer, M. 2d
Sever
Shaw
Smith, M.
Sparrell
Stone
Story, I.
Stratton
Swallow
Taggart
Taylor, C.
Tarbell
Tenney, G. I.
Tenney, J.
Thacher
Thaxter
Thurston
Tidd
Tilton
Torrey
Turner

Messrs. Usher

Vose

Walker

Ward

Warner

Warren

Messrs. Webb

Webber

West

Wilkinson

Willard

Williams, J. O.

Nays.**Messrs. Abercrombie**

Adams, E.

Adams, L.

Allen, J.

Allen, S.

Andrews

Baker

Baldwin

Barrows

Batchelder, G.

Bates

Baxter, W. W.

Beal, G. Jr.

Bliss

Blood

Bowker

Boyce

Brayton

Burt

Calef

Chapin

Child

Clapp

Messrs. Coburn

Conant

Conley

Converse, A. L.

Cooley

Crocker

Crosby

Curtis

Davis, A.

Davis, J.

Dyer, M. Jr.

Eastman

Estes

Evans

Faulkner

Flagg

Fletcher

Floyd

Ford

Freeland

Freeman

French

Fuller

Messrs. Gale

Gardner
Gavitt
Gay
Gilbert
Goff
Gordon
Goss
Guilford
Hagar
Hale, C.
Hammond, A. B.
Hard
Harding
Hartwell
Haynes
Healy
Hero
Herrick
Heustis
Hicks
Hildreth
Hills
Holbrook, J. E.
Homer
Howes
Huse
Ingalls
Ingraham
Jacobs
Jenkins
Johnson, J.

Messrs. Johnson, J. P.

Johnson, W. F.
Jones, Jonathan
Keith, E.
Keith, P.
Lawrence, A. L.
Leach
Lewis, D. J.
Lewis, J. S.
Littlefield
Loring, Hollis
Mayhew
Merriam
Miles
Milliken
Moore
Morrill
Nelson
Nickerson
Oliver
Parker, J. W.
Parsons, E. T.
Parsons, S. L.
Partridge
Phelps, C. A.
Phelps, H. Jr.
Phillips
Pike
Pollard
Pool
Poor
Pratt, A. Jr.

Messrs. Pratt, C. M.

Pratt, J. 2d
Putnam
Rhoades
Robbins
Robinson, J. D.
Robinson, W.
Roby
Rockwood
Russell, G. W.
Sawyer, J. 2d
Slade
Smith, B. M.
Smith, Heman
Smith, Hiram
Smith, J. H.
Smith, S. H. Jr.
Smith, W.
Snow
Standish
Staples
Stoddard
Story, S.
Taft, P. W.

Messrs. Tagart

Temple, A. H.
Thatcher
Thomas
Titcomb
Towne
Upham
Upton
Vinson
Waters
Weeks
Weld
Wells
Weston
White, T. S.
Whitney, H. G.
Whitney, O. Jr.
Whiton
Wilcox
Williams, P. S.
Wood
Woodcock
York

Yeas, 120 ; Nays, 157.

No. 27.

Yeas and Nays on the Question of ordering to a Third Reading the Resolve for the Relief of the Sons and Daughters of Massachusetts in Kansas. [See Journal, page 1119.]

Yeas.**Messrs. Abercrombie**

Adams E.
Adams, L.
Allen, J.
Allen, S.
Andrews
Babcock
Baker
Baldwin
Barrows
Batchelder, G.
Bates
Baxter, W. W.
Beal, G. Jr.
Blair
Bliss
• Blood
Bosworth
Bowker
Boyce
Brayton
Burt

Messrs. Calef

Child
Childs
Clapp
Clifford
Coburn
Codman
Cole, M.
Conant
Conley
Converse, A. L.
Cooley
Crocker
Crosby
Davis, A.
Davis, J.
Dennie
Dupee
Dyer, D.
Dyer, M. Jr.
Eastman
Estes

Messrs. Evans**Faulkner****Felch****Fessenden****Flagg****Fletcher****Ford****Freeland****Freeman****French****Fuller****Gardner****Gaston****Gavitt****Gay****Gilbert****Goff****Gordon****Goulding****Goss****Guilford****Hagar****Hale, C.****Hale, T. P.****Hall, F.****Hall, S. W.****Hammond, A. B.****Hammond, E.****Hard****Harding****Hartwell****Hawkes****Messrs. Haynes****Healy****Hero****Herrick****Heustis****Hicks****Hildreth****Hills****Holbrook, A****Holbrook, J. E.****Homer****Howard****Howes****Huse****Ingalls****Ingraham****Jenkins****Johnson, J.****Johnson, J. P.****Johnson, W. F.****Jones, Jonathan****Keith, E.****Lawrence, A. L.****Leach****Lewis, D. J.****Lewis, J. S.****Littlefield****Loring, Hollis****Low****Merriam****Miles****Milliken**

Messrs. Mixter

Moore
Morrill
Morrisy
Mudge
Nelson
Nickerson
Oliver
Paine
Parker, J. W.
Parsons, E. T.
Parsons, S. L.
Partridge
Phelps, C. A.
Phelps, H. Jr.
Phillips
Pike
Pollard
Pool
Poor
Pratt, A. Jr.
Pratt, C. M.
Pratt, J. 2d.
Putnam
Read
Rhoades
Robbins
Robinson, J. D.
Robinson, W.
Roby
Rockwood
Russell, G. W.

Messrs. Sawyer, J. 2d.

Slade
Smith, B. M.
Smith, Heman
Smith, Hiram
Smith, J. H.
Smith, M.
Smith, S. H. Jr.
Smith, W.
Snow
Standish
Staples
Stoddard
Story, I.
Story, S.
Taft, C. A.
Taft, P. W.
Temple, A. H.
Tenney, J.
Thomas
Thurston
Tidd
Titcomb
Towne
Turner
Upham
Upton
Usher
Vinson
Walker
Ward
Waters

Messrs. Weeks

Weld

Wells

Weston

White, T. S.

Whitney, H. G.

Messrs. Whitney, O. Jr.

Whiton

Wilcox

Williams, P. S.

Wood

Nays.**Messrs. Armington**

Arnold

Barney

Batchelder, S.

Baxter, J. A.

Beal, J. H.

Brewster

Briggs, E.

Brooks

Brown

Chapin

Cole, S.

Converse, W. B.

Cook

Crane

Crossman

Curtis

Dean

Devereaux

Dewey

Earl

Edwards

Emerson

Messrs. Emery

Endicott

Farrington

Fenuo

Floyd

Foster

Frye

Gale

Handley

Haviland

Jacobs

Jones, Justin

Jones, P. C.

Knight

Lawrence, A. F.

Lincoln

Loring, Harrison

Lovett

Lunt

Luscomb

Makepeace

Manning

Mansfield

Messrs. Manson

Marble
Mayhew
Meekins
Newhall
Nutter
Nye
Orcutt
Pearce
Pitman
Pomeroy
Porter
Pratt, I.
Ritchie
Robinson, E. R.
Rogers, C. O.
Rogers, J. W.
Russell, J. W.
Sawyer, M. 2d
Sever
Shaw
Southworth
Sparrell

Messrs. Stratton

Swallow
Tagart
Taggart
Taylor, C.
Tarbell
Tenney, G. I.
Thatcher
Thacher
Thaxter
Tilton
Torrey
Vose
Warner
Warren
Webb
Webber
West
Wilkinson
Willard
Williams, J. O.
Woodcock
York

Yeas, 183; Nays, 92.

No. 28.

Yeas and Nays on the Question of taking from the Table the Resolves for the Relief of the Sons and Daughters of Massachusetts in Kansas. [See Journal, page 1130.]

Yeas.**Messrs. Abercrombie****Adams, L.****Allen, S.****Andrews****Ashley****Babcock****Baker****Bates****Baxter, W. W.****Bliss****Blood****Bowker****Brayton****Burt****Chamberlain****Child****Childs****Clifford****Coburn****Conant****Converse, A. L.****Cooley****Messrs. Davis, A.****Davis, J.****Estes****Evans****Faulkner****Flagg****Fletcher****Ford****Poster****French****Gardner****Gay****Gilbert****Godfrey****Goff****Gordon****Goulding****Guilford****Hale, C.****Hammond, A. B.****Hard****Harding**

Messrs. Hartwell

Hawkes
Healy
Herrick
Hicks
Hildreth
Hills
Homer
Howes
Ingalls
Ingraham
Jenkins
Johnson, J.
Johnson, W. F.
Jones, Jonathan
Keith, P.
Lawrence, A. L.
Leach
Loring, Hollis
Low
Mayhew
Merriam
Miles
Milliken
Morrill
Nelson
Nickerson
Oliver
Parsons, E. T.
Parsons, S. L.
Partridge
Phelps, H. Jr.

Messrs. Phillips

Pike
Pollard
Pool
Pratt, A. Jr.
Pratt, J. 2d
Robbins
Roby
Rockwood
Russell, G. W.
Sawyer, J. 2d
Slade
Smith, B. M.
Smith, Heman
Smith, Hiram
Smith, S. H. Jr.
Smith, W.
Snow
Standish
Stoddard
Taft, P. W.
Temple, A. H.
Tenney, J.
Thayer
Thomas
Tilcomb
Upton
Vinson
Ward
Waters
Weeks
Weld

Messrs. Weston

White, T. S.

Whitney, O. Jr.

Whiton

Messrs. Wilcox

Williams, P. S.

Wood

Nays.**Messrs. Armington**

Arnold

Austin

Barrows

Batchelder, G.

Batchelder, S.

Beal, G. Jr.

Blair

Bosworth

Briggs, E.

Brooks

Chapin

Cole, M.

Cole, S.

Converse, W. B.

Cook

Crane

Crossman

Dean

Devereux

Dunton

Dyer, D.

Emery

Endicott

Farrington

Messrs. Felch

Fenno

Floyd

Foster

Fuller

Gale

Goss

Gray, E.

Hager

Hale, T. P.

Hall, S. W.

Handley

Haviland

Heustis

Holbrook, A.

Howard

Howe

Jacobs

Jones, Justin

Knight

Lawrence, A. F.

Lunt

Luscomb

Makepeace

Manning

●
Messrs. Mansfield

Manson
Meekins
Merwin
Mixer
Morrisy
Murdock
Newball
Orcutt
Paine
Pearce
Phelps, S. H.
Pitman
Plummer
Pomeroy
Porter
Pratt, I.
Reed
Rhoades
Rice
Ritchie
Robinson, E. R.
Robinson, S. W.
Robinson, W.
Russell, J. W.
Sawyer, M. 2d.
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